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UNRWA halts food aid to refugees

BEIRUT, Nov. 28 (AFP) — The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) has stopped distributing food to 830,000 Palestinian refugees because of financial difficulties caused largely by the suspension of American support.

The UNRWA budget for 1983 was set at \$271 million with a deficit of \$86 million. The United States, which used to finance about one third of the budget, has cut off its support and is re-examining its future relationship to the agency, because a UNRWA educational facility south of Beirut allegedly served as a military training center for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The UNRWA, which has distributed basic humanitarian aid since 1950, serves in five zones — Jordan, the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon and Syria — where 1.8 million refugees were registered, but only 830,000 received food aid.

In addition to the financial difficulties, UNRWA officials have justified the suspension of the food distribution program on the grounds that the agency's priorities are educational and health work, but the countries directly concerned by the refugee situation suspect that the UNRWA is planning to pull out of the region.

Although both Palestinian leaders and Arab governments reject integration of the refugees into neighboring states on grounds that the Palestinians have the right to their own country, the suspension of UNRWA food aid suggests that the refugees have become economically integrated in surrounding societies and no longer need the food.

In addition to the UNRWA, governments, humanitarian organizations, the PLO and Palestinian workers in the Gulf contribute to the support of the Palestinian refugees.

The suspension of UNRWA food provoked the sharpest reaction in Jordan, where the national consultative council accused the UNRWA of violating the U.N. charter.

Jordanian minister for occupied territories Hassan Ibrahim told Agence France-Press that the UNRWA's dismantling its distribution network and laying off personnel would make distributing food more difficult.

Ibrahim doubted that donor countries that gave food from their agricultural surpluses could transform their aid into direct financial assistance because of the higher cost involved.

Compounding Jordan's headaches with feeding the refugees under its care was the decision by the Common Market also to suspend food aid to the Palestinian refugees of the 1967 Middle East war.

Ceausescu offers 'ideas' for Middle East peace

KUWAIT, Nov. 28 (AP) — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu flew home Sunday after a two-day visit to Kuwait where he held political and economic cooperation talks with the Emir, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Diplomatic sources said the two leaders discussed the latest developments in the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Iraq-Iran war. They said that Ceausescu offered undisclosed "advanced ideas" on ways of arranging an Arab-Israeli settlement, based on the Palestinians' right to self-determination in a state of their own.

They added that the Romanian leader, who has been viewed by the Arabs as a prospective Mideast mediator, was to make a tour of Europe shortly to rally support for his ideas of a comprehensive settlement

between the Middle East parties. Specifically, Kuwaiti sources said, Ceausescu wanted to combine the peace proposals put forward last September by U.S. President Ronald Reagan and the Arab peace plan, in hopes of arranging a lasting settlement between the Arabs and Israel.

A joint statement covering the talks merely alluded to discussions of joint efforts to bolster bilateral cooperation in economic and "international" questions.

Ceausescu was the fourth East European leader to visit Kuwait this year, after the presidents of Bulgaria, East Germany and Hungary. Kuwait is the only country in the Gulf region to have diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and the Eastern bloc countries.

China baby boom at hand

PEKING, Nov. 28 (R) — China is likely to have a new baby boom this decade as women born during the last one in the 1960s reach child-bearing age, a Chinese demographer said Sunday.

In the latest edition of the official weekly *Beijing Review* demographer Hou Wenrou said that despite China's compulsory birth control policy no significant reduction in population growth was expected in the 1980s.

Hou said the reduction in the minimum marriage age last year to 22 for men and 20 for women, which in Mao Tse tung's time had been five years higher, had raised the number of women who might have children.

Census results published last month showed China was the world's most populous nation with more than 1,008 million people at the end of July, increasing by 10 million a year.

The *People's Daily* said recently it would be very difficult to keep within the target of 1.2 billion people by the end of the century. The 1981 growth rate was 1.46 percent, which though much lower than 1964's 2.8 percent was higher than between 1976 and 1980.

"Without population planning, our modernization drive as well as the improvement of our people's standard of living will be impeded," Hou said.

Strict birth control policies involving fines and incentives put couples under strong pressure to have only one child, though among China's 800 million peasants two children are more common.

An official newspaper disclosed earlier this month that this strict policy was provoking some parents deliberately to kill their baby girls because of the traditional preference for a male heir and the economic advantages of

having sons rather than daughters. "Some of these unfortunate children are left by the roadside or abandoned on street corners while others are even drowned," *The China Youth News* said. "Such cruel, inhuman and brutal actions cannot be tolerated."

The newspaper said in some rural communes infanticide against girls is so widespread that three in five surviving infants are boys.

'Nagging' court costs her dearly

PEKING, Nov. 28 (AFP) — A 32-year-old Chinese woman has been sent to a camp for re-education through labor for "nagging" the legal authorities for nine years, a Shanghai paper reaching here Sunday reported.

The *Liberation Daily* said Jin Qi several times lay down in front of the entrance hall of the Shanghai upper court, and went on hunger strikes to support her claims for extra compensation after a quarrel with neighbors.

Dissatisfied with a previous court decision which granted her only small compensation for injuries received during a quarrel with the neighbors in 1973 Jin repeatedly appealed to the Shanghai judiciary authorities.

After vainly demanding an award of 2,000 yuan (\$1,000) Jin, an employee in a textile factory, demanded a change of job and a salary rise, the paper added.

She was detained for a week in August but continued to "nag" the judicial authorities after she had been set free, it said.

Gonzalez, aide row brewing

MADRID, Nov. 28 (R) — A public dispute between Prime Minister-elect Felipe Gonzalez and his top aide, Alfonso Guerra, cast a shadow Sunday over final preparations for Spain's new Socialist government which takes office this week.

Guerra, deputy leader of the Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), who is credited with engineering its sweeping electoral victory last Oct. 28, has kept Gonzalez guessing over whether he will accept the post of deputy prime minister.

Gonzalez has said he wants Guerra in his cabinet but the Socialist parliamentarian has indicated that he would rather remain exclusively involved in running the party.

The dispute suggested strains between Guerra's more radical approach and the moderation of the new prime minister. The *Dr. Ward worked for secret service*

LONDON, Nov. 28 (R) — A London osteopath at the center of the 1963 Profumo scandal worked for British intelligence and was not the social parasite portrayed at the time, *The Sunday Times* said in a story published Sunday.

Stephen Ward committed suicide in July 1963, a month after War Minister John Profumo resigned in a scandal involving national security which rocked the government of then Prime Minister Harold MacMillan.

Ward introduced Profumo to model Christian Keeler whose affair with the married minister and with a Soviet naval attaché, suspected of being an agent, got widespread publicity and caused a parliamentary outcry.

The *Sunday Times* said former officers of M15, the British counter-intelligence agency, had confirmed to the newspaper claims made in a new book that Ward was actively involved in a scheme to entrap a Soviet diplomat on its behalf.

"The officers we have talked to have expressed regret that Ward's true role was never made public at the time and that he was driven to his death a broken and disgraced man," the newspaper said.

The newspaper quoted one retired M15 man as saying: "We felt very sorry for Ward. We were very cut up when we heard he was dead." *The Sunday Times* said M15's role in the Profumo scandal was discussed in the book *Matter of Trust (M15 1945-77)* by Nigel West, due to be published next month.

According to another report a British soldier, who worked for army intelligence, has been under investigation by military security agents for the past two weeks.

As differences persist GATT parley fate still hanging fire

GENEVA, Nov. 28 (Agencies) — The outcome of the GATT ministerial conference was still in the balance here Sunday as a series of compromise proposals emerged in intensive private bargaining aimed at bridging the gap between the United States and the European Economic Community (EEC).

Reports in conference quarters that the final plenary session was further postponed were seen as an indication that new ideas were being seriously considered by the "inner group" of negotiators.

The final plenary session was postponed here Sunday night for the seventh time since Friday night. The ministers are now set to meet at 10:30 p.m. (2130 GMT).

However, some delegations said there were no guarantees that the parley would be able to conclude until Monday.

Many delegates at the four-day ministerial conference of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) expressed dismay when it failed to finish with an accord on time Saturday night.

But talks prolonged for an extra day opened up the possibility that the final document would be more wide-ranging than had earlier seemed likely and would also have fuller support, the delegates said.

The conference Saturday night appeared destined to end either with a weak statement of intent to resist protectionism as the world struggles to cope with recession, or with a broader document from which the 10-nation European Community and possibly other countries would dissent on crucial points.

Developing countries softened Sunday their demands that a draft partial text drawn

up before the conference and taking a fairly radical stance in favor of open trade should be accepted without changes, delegates said. In return, the European Community negotiators presented a series of compromises intended to be included in the final document.

The developing countries, keen to keep markets as open as possible in the face of European protectionist measures, had refused to depart from the initial text on the grounds that it had already been agreed.

European negotiators, however, contended the 88 ministers at the conference had not come merely to rubber-stamp a draft.

A compromise appeared to be emerging on import controls that countries impose temporarily to protect industries threatened by recession. The Third World argues it is unfair to single out any nation in applying such restrictions. The European Community wants to continue selecting individual exporting countries for such action.

Agreement also seemed likely on the extent to which GATT's rulings on complaints over alleged unfair trading practices should be binding, the delegates said.

The compromises, emerging, however, were mainly to avoid obliging any government to commit itself to depart from any of its present trading practices.

On the question of agricultural subsidies, which the United States and Third World countries want phased out within two States and Third World countries want phased out within two years, the European Community was still likely to express a dissenting opinion, the delegates said.

Syria, Iraq urged to end rift

TUNIS, Nov. 28 (AFP) — The Arab Economic and Social Council ended its third session here Sunday with a call to Iraq and Syria to resolve, through talks, a deadly Arab context, their difference on the cessation of pumping oil across Syrian territory.

The council, which examined an Iraqi note on this, formed a tripartite mediation commission composed of Saudi Arabia, Morocco, and the secretariat general of the Arab League. This commission will approach the two governments to settle the dispute.

Meanwhile, Arab League Assistant Secretary General Abdulhassan Zalzala told journalists that the council adopted several projects relative to Arab development concerning communications, the installation of undersea cables between Arab countries, and the establishment of an Arab fisheries plant.

Three countries, Tunisia, Morocco and Mauritania, put themselves forward as candidates for the siting of the fisheries factory.

The council decided to give assistance of an undisclosed sum to Lebanese and Palestinian displaced by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. It also recommended that Arab states give aid to South Yemen which has been hit by floods.

The council, which groups Arab economy and finance ministers, also asked members to

encourage the importation into their countries of Palestinian goods, and particularly fruit and vegetables from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The council decided that its next meeting, to be held from Feb. 21 to 25, will limit its agenda to examination of joint Arab projects and to the role that specialist Arab institutions must play in carrying out these plans.

Iranians seize 'deadly' document

LONDON, Nov. 28 (R) — An Iraqi military document captured by Iranian forces on the Gulf war front showed Iraqi commanders had been ordered to execute any personnel trying to retreat, the Iranian News Agency, IRNA said.

IRNA said the document, discovered in a captured Iraqi position on the western front, showed that the Iraqi high command had ordered execution for any soldier withdrawing in the face of an Iranian offensive.

According to other military documents seized during the November offensive all Iraqi units had also been ordered to execute captured members of Iranian Revolutionary Guards, the agency said.

In the latest fighting in southern and western Iran an Iranian military communiqué Saturday said Iranian forces had repelled Iraqi air raids, but three civilians were killed by Iraqi shelling of the cities of Abadan and Khorramshahr. The communiqué, carried by IRNA, said 45 Iraqis were killed or wounded on the northwestern Front Friday.

Meanwhile, China has denied reports that it would supply arms to Iraq and affirmed that it would remain strictly neutral in that country's war with Iran.

"China has not sold any weapons to Iraq because this is incompatible with our principled stand on the war between Iraq and Iran," the weekly *Review* said Sunday.

Fitzgerald may mend fences with Britain

DUBLIN, Nov. 28 (AP) — Garret Fitzgerald's expected return to power in the Irish Republic at the head of a coalition government could reverse the downhill course Anglo-Irish relations have taken in recent months.

Officials on both sides of the Irish Sea say the former prime minister's apparent victory in Wednesday's general election could also rekindle stalled joint efforts to find a political solution to the 13-year-old conflict in Northern Ireland.

Britain has made no secret of its preference for Fitzgerald over the staunchly nationalist Prime Minister Charles Haughey.

Amid a fresh surge of violence in the province, Fitzgerald called Friday for a summit meeting with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to repair relations damaged under Haughey and to improve the situation in the north.

Anglo-Irish relations have been frozen since last spring when Haughey refused to go along with sanctions by the 10-nation European Common Market against Argentina during the Falkland Islands war.

That dispute stalled an intergovernmental Anglo-Irish Council, set into motion by

Fitzgerald and Mrs. Thatcher at the last summit, in the fall of 1981. The council was designed as a way for Britain and Ireland to work together at finding a solution to the political problem in Northern Ireland while encouraging economic cooperation between the province and the republic.

Relations were further worsened by Haughey's opposition to the new Northern Ireland Assembly, the fourth British initiative in the past decade to restore some form of power-sharing between the province's feuding Roman Catholics and Protestants.

Fitzgerald's Fine Gael Party and the small Labor Party-partners in four coalition governments since World War II, won a combined total of 86 seats in the Dail, or parliament, on the republic's third election in 17 months.

Fine Gael won 70 seats, its highest tally in 30 years, and Labor 16 for an overall six-vote majority in the 166-member Dail. Haughey's Fianna Fail polled 75. Two seats went to the Marxist Workers' Party three to independent, including speaker John O'Connell who can vote only to break a tie.

Haughey refused to concede defeat but admitted that a Fine Gael-Labor coalition is "the most likely outcome" when parliament

reconvenes Dec. 14. Fitzgerald said he would meet with Labor leader Dick Spring early this week to work out policy differences, particularly on how to tackle the state's gravest economic crisis in its 61-year history.

While emphasizing that his chief objective was to arrest the economic decline, Fitzgerald's long-standing political ambition has been the reunification of the republic with Northern Ireland.

During the election campaign, he proposed far-reaching measures to combat terrorism, including a joint North-South police task force and cross-border courts. Haughey branded the proposals "a recipe for disaster" that would cause a spillover of the province's violence into the republic.

Protestant politicians in the British-ruled north have welcomed the ouster of Haughey, but remain wary of Fitzgerald.

"The only difference between Haughey and Fitzgerald is that with Haughey the knife is on the table while with Fitzgerald it's concealed behind his back," said Pete Robinson, deputy leader of the Rev. Is Paisley's hardline Democratic Unionists.

Filipino Festival shows handicrafts, furniture

By Jean Grant
Al Khobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Nov. 28 — The Filipino Food Festival and Trade Exhibition at the Dhahran International Hotel, from now through Dec. 2, shows off the Filipino flare for invention. "We can't compete with high technology," said Benito Tan, one of the exhibitors, "so we concentrate on handicrafts."

Take something quite ordinary — a jeep, woman's nylon stocking, shell or bit of vine — give it to a Filipino, and chances are he will return it to you transformed into an object of whimsy and delight.

Here when the Americans abandoned their military jeeps on the islands after the end of the Second World War, the Filipinos turned these dull vehicles into the world's most flamboyant public transportation: the jeepney. One of these gaily bedecked vehicles stands in front of the hotel where some of the Kingdom's 150,000 resident Filipinos flock to pat its sides nostalgically and to check out the flashing saucer and green headlights and the green satin curtains over the side windows.

Here the common nylon stocking. When it gets the inevitable run, does the Filipino toss it away? No; he sends it off to a factory where it metamorphoses into a beautiful butterfly. The Philippine islands are richly endowed with tropical fish and shells. Most beautiful of the shells are the mother of pearl. The Filipinos trim off their thin scalloped edges and polish the shell with a stone grinder to make beautiful dinner plates; just the thing to serve seafood on. More common are the capiz shells, found in particular on Panai Island. Filipinos used these translucent white shells as windows for their frame houses more than 100 years ago. Skyscrapers have replaced wooden bungalows in Metro Manila, but capiz shell is still cut for chandeliers and lampshades.

Canadian group studying market

DAMMAM, Nov. 28 (SPA) — A delegation representing a group of Canadian companies specializing in rail cars and coaches, met here Sunday with Eastern Province Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman Saad Al-Musajil. The Canadian group is led by Pierre Watson, an official of the Industry and Trade Ministry.

Talks during the meeting, attended by members of the chamber's board and businessmen, dealt with promoting industrial and commercial relations in addition to developing trade and industrial cooperation and exchange. The Canadians were briefed on the Kingdom's import and export regulations.

The delegation called on the Government Railroad Organization Saturday and toured its installations and projects under construction.

Organizers of the exhibit imported 500 tropical fish but many died when removed from their limpid waters. More fish are on route to join the school of shocking pink, canary yellow, and indigo blue darters that delight the children at the exhibit.

From the tropical rain forests comes the rattan vine from which the light wicker furniture so popular in the West is made. "When Filipinos travel to the United States, they get the shock of their lives when they see the wealthy using rattan furniture," said Benito Tan, representative of the Palma Bravan Rattan Company. Only 5 percent of Filipinos now use rattan furniture, he estimates, the wealthy few who have seen its popularity in the U.S. Bentwood rockers, club chairs, and sofas are all made from 4 of the 27 varieties of this lightweight vine.

There are lots of free nibbles for the spectators too: toasted coconut chips, peanut brittle, the rolled cookies called *barguillos*, and edible papery envelopes filled with a honey and nut concoction.



MEET EFFICIENT SWEDEN: Robert Ramow of Atlas COPCO, left, addressed a two-day Swedish seminar on the latest technological achievements which concluded at the commercial section of the Swedish Embassy here Sunday. Shown at the right are a few of the experts from ministries, government institutions and private companies attended the seminar which discussed the Swedish achievements in mining and underground construction; electricity generation and power distribution; agricultural techniques and food processing; administration, project management and training; and telecommunication. For two days from Monday, a Swedish delegation will give a presentation in Yanbu for the Royal Commission and Parsons.



SAUDI ARABIAN PUBLISHERS: A committee of Saudi Arabian publishers met Sunday in Jeddah to draw up a statute for an association of publishers. The committee will also meet soon in Riyadh.

'Explore your country' book series planned

RIYADH, Nov. 28 (SPA) — A series of booklets entitled "Explore your country" will be produced by the Presidency of Youth Welfare. The series are to be based on lectures about a city or town in the Kingdom delivered

by a historian or leading personality. The series will encourage researchers to link the past to the present. Youth Welfare President Prince Faisal bin Fahd wrote in the preface of the first book to be distributed

soon. "This will help record all changes and facts for the benefit of youth, giving them the opportunity to create their own future," he said. The first in the "explore your country" series illustrates a lecture delivered last year.

Prince Faisal stressed the importance of every nation writing its own history and by its own qualified citizens.

Six lectures delivered during the past 12 months are being printed now. The towns highlighted include Buraidah, Hail, Farasan Islands, Zilfi, Rass and Jawa, in Qassim. The presidency's cultural affairs department has invited 29 writers to prepare lectures about 30 towns and cities. These include: Madinah, Khahra, Badae, Yanbu, Amed, Zahran, Unaizah, Dhaha, Wajh, Alssa, Joud, Dharmah, Muznib, Jubail, Dammam, Quwayyah, Qatif, Harmah, Majma, Bilad Bilgarn, Bukairia, Huraimila, Jalajil, Hareeq, Taif, Deriyah, Rawdat Sudair, Houtat Beni Tamim, Wasi Al-Dawaser, Ushaigar, Shaqra, Shuara, Alkhobar, Dhahran, Ayyina and Sadous.

The research works will be presented as public lectures at a sports club in the cities and towns concerned before a booklet is published.

Each booklet will cost about SR30,000 as author's rights, printing and lecture organizing expenses. The booklet summarizes the town's or city's history and adds geographical, social, ideological, folkloric, traditional, agricultural and developmental aspects. It also mentions prominent scholars, poets and writers in the particular region it covers.

Dramatic surge in telex use seen

RIYADH, Nov. 28 — A recent survey by Saudi Telephone reveals that the Kingdom's businessmen are continuing to make increasing use of the modern telex service for both in-Kingdom and international communication. The surge in telex use has been dramatic with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia moving up to 21st, amongst the 192 countries offering a telex service. In the short space of time of eight years in which the telex service has been established in the Kingdom, the telex system has grown since 1974 to over 14,000 telex connections throughout the Kingdom.

Publishers form panel to draw up joint statute

JEDDAH, Nov. 28 — Saudi Arabian publishers decided to form a committee that will draw up the statute of an association of publishers during a meeting here Sunday. The committee will meet in Riyadh soon.

The meeting was presided over by Abdul Aziz Al-Rifae, a leading writer and publisher. Participants included Muhammad Saeed Tayeb, Tihama director general; Mohsen Baroum, proprietor of Al-Shurouq publishing house; Saleh Muhammad Jamal, proprietor of Al-Thaqaf publishing house; Abdul Rahman Al-Muammer, director-general of Thaqaf publishing house; and Hussein Uzzi, Tihama assistant director for publishing and libraries. Misfir Al-Misfir, information ministry publications department director-general, represented the ministry.

The establishment of the proposed association has been encouraged by Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani. He is keen to see the idea discussed and recommendations forwarded to his ministry. The publishers thanked Dr. Yamani for his attention and encouragement to develop the publishing industry in the country so that it can keep pace with other fields of development in the Kingdom.

The publishers also discussed problems facing their industry.

Participants in the meeting expressed appreciation of the Supreme Information Council's care given to Saudi Arabian writers and the book industry. The hoped that the book industry would be paid special care at the Gulf level and in the context of the Gulf Cooperation Council activities.

Misfir reaffirmed the information ministry's eagerness to support the book industry. He said he would report suggestions raised during the meeting to the minister. The suggestions include participation by Saudi Arabian publishers in international book fairs.

Saudi Telex was formed in 1979 in order to maintain and operate the telex network and, recently, close cooperation has been established between Saudi Telex and Saudi Telephone, with Saudi Telephone taking over responsibility for the subscription office services.

Annual telex calls are now in excess of 11 million with 60 percent being international. It is expected that these annual telex calls will double in about three years.

In Riyadh alone, there are now over 4,000 telex connections.

BRIEFS

Festival inaugurated

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Prince Majed ibn Abdulaziz, the governor of Makkah inaugurated the Turkish Festival and Exhibition at Hotel Al-Salaam Meridien here. The opening ceremony held Saturday was attended by Huseyin Celal, the Turkish ambassador to the Kingdom and several other local prominent people.

Science cooperation

JEDDAH, (SPA) — The Islamic Council for Science Technology and Development

Sunday discussed means of developing cooperation between Islamic states in the field of science and technology.

Municipal seminar

RIYADH, (SPA) — The fifth seminar for mayors, heads of municipal directorates and officials will be held here, Tuesday. Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb, also acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, will preside over the seminar which discusses condition of municipalities and improving their services by solving problems facing them.

Prince Albert in Riyadh

RIYADH, (SPA) — Belgian Crown Prince Albert arrived here Sunday from Jeddah leading a large trade mission. He was greeted at the airport by Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam and Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim.

Solaim said, in a welcome statement, that the 105-member delegation headed by Prince Albert which includes Foreign Trade Minister Andre Kempenaere "is a proof of Belgium's keenness to develop its economic and commercial relations with the Kingdom."

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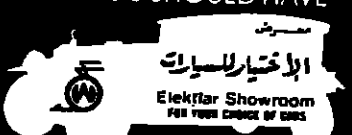
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Among motor show attractions

Volvo presents reliable new model

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Nov. 28 — The Volvo 760 GLE, a grand touring car in classic Scandinavian design, is the Volvo Car Corporation's newest model being introduced to the Kingdom through the fifth Jeddah Motor Show currently being held here until Dec. 5.

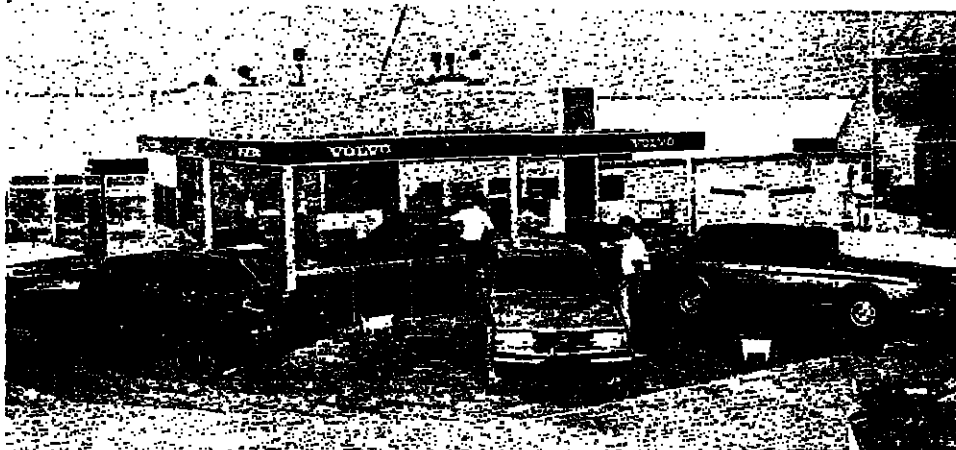
Corporation Senior Vice-President Carl-erik Hagstrom told Arab News that "the new model is a completely new vehicle based on the traditions of safety, quality and reliability that have given Volvo its unique name in the automotive world."

He said the model has been given a timeless design, and is characterized by the impression of light, space and comfort depending primarily on the low waist-line and the large glazed areas as well as on the interior design.

The wide body with its straight roof line and the rear axle location behind the rear seat permit a spacious compartment with plenty of room for five well-developed people. The new front seats, which are comfortable and safe, have been developed in cooperation with medical experts at the University of Gothenburg, he said.

On certain markets, such as Sweden, Hagstrom said, both front seats are electrically heated. With the ignition on, the seat-operated thermostat switch on the current when the temperature is less than 14°C and switch it off when it reaches 30°C.

The new model has a wide rear seat, plenty of storage space, a well-tested driver environment, a safe body, anti-submarining protection for interior safety, an advanced driving safety, a new rear wheel suspension, and light-alloy wheels, he said.



(Arab News photo by Giovanni Pasquale)

NEW CAR: The newly-introduced Volvo 760 GLE and other models on display at the 5th Motor Show which was opened to the public here Sunday.

Corporation president Jan Danielson said the heating and ventilation system in the model is among the most outstanding on the market. This system has capacity for comfortable air exchange and temperature control under all weather conditions.

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Hagstrom said the corporation's sales during the first three quarters of the year rose by a record eight percent over the same period last year.

Sales development for the 340/360 series was also very favourable, a 14 percent increase being achieved for the same period. The number of Volvo cars in the 760 and 240 series sold during the period reached 172,000 units. During the same period, 67,000 Volvo 340/360 series cars were sold. In fact, Sweden has become the largest exporter of cars, exporting 62 percent this year, he said.

The sales increase has been achieved despite a generally receding world car market, he said. During the period, it has dropped back by five percent compared with the equivalent period of last year. The current year is the fourth consecutive one in which the world car market has receded.

The American market accounts for the most dramatic drop in sales where during the first nine months of the year, total car sales were down by 13 percent. However, the corporation recorded a 17 percent increase in its sales in the U.S. its largest individual market accounting for about 60,000 cars. Sales figures for the Corporation are also up elsewhere, including the Swedish market with an increase of 18 percent, the Norwegian market with 11 percent, the British with five percent and the Italian with three percent.

The success of the Volvo 300 series has primarily been reached in the British market with a sales increase of almost 40 percent, in the Dutch market by 48 percent, in the Swedish market by 11 percent in the French market by 11 percent.

Terry Hardie, director, Volvo trucks & vehicles division of the Zahid Tractor &

Heavy Machinery Co. Ltd., and its marketing manager Anders Biveby said Volvo has a

Motor show underway

JEDDAH, Nov. 28 Thirty companies are taking part in the 5th Motor Show which opened to the public at the Jeddah Expo Center here Sunday.

The companies have displayed their choicest models of cars, trucks and station wagons.

The show will be formally opened by Abdul Aziz Algasir, general manager of the exhibitions and fairs division in the ministry, at 5 p.m. Monday, according to Abdul Munim Ossrain, in charge of the exhibitions and services division of the Al-Harithy Co. which has organized the show.

The show concludes Dec. 5. Its timings: 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

major share of the long distance haulage market because of the design of the two trucks involved — F12 and N10 — which can haul bigger loads.

Production of Gulf TV programs discussed

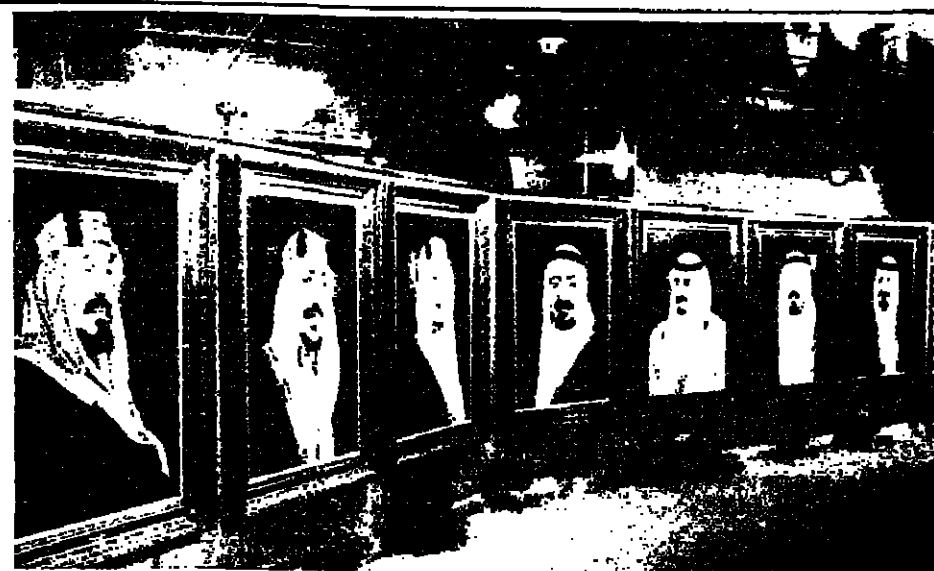
RIYADH, Nov. 28 (SPA) — A seminar on producing joint Gulf educational television programs was opened here Saturday by Information Undersecretary Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja. The three-day seminar is organized by the Gulf Television Authority in cooperation with the Arab Gulf Educational Bureau.

Representatives of information and education ministries in Gulf States, as well as the Arab Countries Broadcasting Union, the Arab Educational Techniques Center, the Arab Viewer and Listener Research Center and the Arab Gulf Joint Program Production Corporation are attending the seminar.

In the opening address, Khoja stressed that educational goals cannot be completely realized without the support of mass media. The media create the suitable psychological and cultural atmosphere which is the first basic step in the educational structure, he said. The media also cannot play their role completely without improved educational and cultural standards of the public, he added.

Khoja, citing cooperation and coordination among Gulf states in all spheres, said that coordination in educational pursuits and sound upbringing of youth is the only way to achieve, within a short period, the "unity for Gulf youth we aspire for."

Educational Systems Department Supervisor Dr. Abdullah Abu Rass also spoke at the session highlighting the Educational Ministry's efforts to produce educational films and programs. The ministry is about to introduce video in the Kingdom's schools, he said.



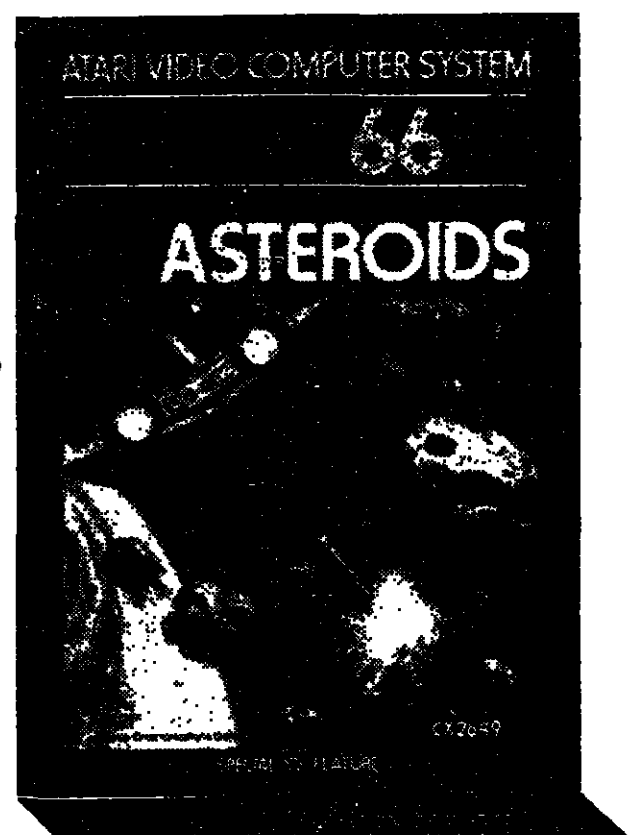
(Photo by Muhammad Naji)

EXHIBITION OPENS, Makkah Governor Prince Majed opened the first plastic arts exhibition of Saudi artist Hisham Benjaby at the Redec Plaza Art Gallery here Saturday. He was shown around the exhibit by Benjaby and expressed his admiration for the works. Benjaby's works snapped here were among those which attracted the attention.



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Arafat says no peace without PLO

AMMAN, Nov. 28 (AFP) — Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said here Sunday that peace in the Middle East was impossible without the PLO.

Addressing the seventh session of the Palestinian Cultural, Scientific and Educational Council, Arafat said the PLO remained the basic element of peace in the Middle East and that the Palestinian people would not lay down their arms but would pursue their struggle on political, economic and cultural fronts. Arafat said Palestinians would accept nothing less than the recovery of their homeland.

King Hussein of Jordan and Arafat Sunday opened the Palestinian Cultural Council, which will examine the possibility of installing several PLO organizations here after their departure from Beirut last August.

Arafat said Jordan had fulfilled an historic responsibility by opposing Israeli aggression. He criticized U.S. policies in the Middle East, saying that U.S. special envoy to the Middle East Philip Habib had promised that Israeli forces would withdraw from Lebanon as soon as the PLO left.

BRIEFS

AMMAN, (AP) — An Arab League committee trying to rally international support for Arab peace proposals for the Middle East will meet here Dec. 1, before heading to Moscow and Peking for talks with leaders there, an official statement said Sunday.

SANAA, (AFP) — Cooperation between North and South Yemen is expected to take shape at an inter-Yemeni ministerial commission meeting opening Tuesday in the South Yemeni capital, Aden. The Gulf News Agency said.

ISLAMABAD, (R) — Several policemen were wounded Saturday when students opened fire during a demonstration in the northwest Pakistani town of Mardan near the border with Afghanistan, an official statement said.



MEETING: Lebanese President Amin Gemayel (center), Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan (second from left) and U.S. Middle East envoy Morris Draper (second from right) meet at the Presidential Palace in Beirut Saturday to evaluate progress in preparations for Lebanese-Israeli talks on the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon.

Habib, Ali evaluate proposals for troop pullout from Lebanon

CAIRO, Nov. 28 (R) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib met Egyptian officials Sunday to discuss proposals for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon, an Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman said. The spokesman told reporters following a one hour meeting between Habib and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali that "various American formulas were discussed."

He did not elaborate, but said Egypt had made it clear that "the withdrawal of Israeli forces and other foreign troops is needed as soon as possible."

The talks also dealt with Middle East peace efforts based on President Reagan's proposals, which call for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in association with Jordan, the spokesman said.

Egypt told Habib that continuation of the peace process required a halt to construction of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and other "confidence-building measures" from Israel to encourage the Palestinians to join the peace talks, the spokesman added.

Habib, who arrived here from Amman, told reporters he had informed Ali about his

recent meetings in the region, but he declined to give details. Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials said Habib leaves Monday for Rabat. Habib has visited Lebanon, Syria, Israel, Jordan and Egypt in the course of his current Middle East mission.

Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv, American efforts to bring Israel and Lebanon to the conference table Sunday appeared to have made progress when Israel dropped its demand that the talks be at ministerial level. A government statement issued after a cabinet meeting said Israel would agree to talks between "properly authorized civilians."

The cabinet stuck to its condition that discussions be held in Beirut and Jerusalem, the disputed city which Israel has declared its capital.

Lebanese Army 'confiscating' hospital drugs

BEIRUT, Nov. 28 (AP) — Lebanese Army soldiers have confiscated hundreds of thousands of U.S. dollars worth of drugs from the Gaza Hospital, formerly run by the Palestine Liberation Organization and serving the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps, hospital officials said Sunday.

Dr. Amir Hamour, hospital's medical director, said Lebanese Army soldiers in three trucks broke the lock on a storage area Saturday morning and again Sunday morning, loaded the trucks with medical equipment and drugs, and drove them away.

"They took one million pounds (about \$250,000) worth of drugs yesterday. I don't know how much they took today," Hamour told reporters. "They took all our antibiotics (Sunday). Yesterday they got all our antibiotics."

Hamour said the soldiers gave no explanation. A Lebanese Army spokesman contacted by telephone indicated he knew of the incidents but refused to comment.

The 100-bed Gaza Hospital, which presently has about 70 patients, lies on the edge of the two refugee camps that were the scene of the September massacre of Palestinian civilians by right-wing Phalangist militiamen.

The hospital is one of the institutions run by the PLO before the commando organization evacuated West Beirut. In negotiations on the withdrawal of PLO forces from northern Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley, the PLO is insisting that the Lebanese government guarantee that such institutions be allowed to continue serving the Palestinian civilians who remain here. The government, however, wants to disperse the Palestinians among the population at large, with no special privileges or services.

Israel's policies threaten its future, EEC chief says

TEL AVIV, Nov. 28 (AP) — Danish Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, who held talks Sunday with Israeli leaders on behalf of the European Economic Community, said Israel's policies endanger its prospects for a safer future.

Elleman-Jensen, head of the EEC's Council of Foreign Ministers, met Prime Minister Menachem Begin, President Yitzhak Navon and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon.

"We in Europe feel very strongly attached

to Israel," he told Israeli radio. "We do hope sincerely that it will be possible for Israel to get a safer future. We do fear that present policies endanger such a development."

Earlier, armed forces radio reported that Begin expressed his hope to Elleman-Jensen that the dialogue between Israel and the EEC would continue. It said the two discussed plans for Palestinian autonomy and the Jewish settlements created in the occupied West Bank.

Zhao affirms support for Palestinians

PEKING, Nov. 28 (AP) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang, in a message of support to Palestinians, accused Israel Sunday of waging a cold-blooded massacre of innocent Palestinian and Lebanese civilians during its invasion of Lebanon.

"The Chinese government and people have always sympathized with and supported the Palestinian and other Arab peoples in their just struggle," Zhao said in a message to

a New York meeting marking an international day of solidarity with the Palestinians.

"Israeli troops launched an unscrupulous and massive invasion into Lebanon and massacred in cold blood large numbers of innocent Palestinian and Lebanese civilians in an attempt to eliminate the Palestinian armed forces and deny the Palestinian people their national rights," Zhao said.

Afghan fighters kill 70 soldiers

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 28 (AFP) — More than 70 Soviet and Afghan soldiers have been killed and over a dozen tanks and armored vehicles destroyed since the start of a government offensive last week in Ningharhar province in eastern Afghanistan, resistance sources said.

The sources added that the operation — the largest in the province since the Soviet intervention three years ago — was planned to avenge the deaths of 70 of the regime's elite commandos who were gunned down last month after falling into a braze trap set by Mujahedeen resistance fighters.

China, Bangladesh to cement ties

PEKING, Nov. 28 (AFP) — China and Bangladesh expect to increase their already close ties, the New China News Agency (NCNA) reported Sunday. The NCNA said this was expressed during a meeting in Peking between Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang and Gen. Hussein Muhammad Ershad, military

ruler of Bangladesh, which gets most of its arms from China.

Gen. Ershad arrived here Saturday on a one-week visit to China, where it is generally believed he will be asking for more military aid.

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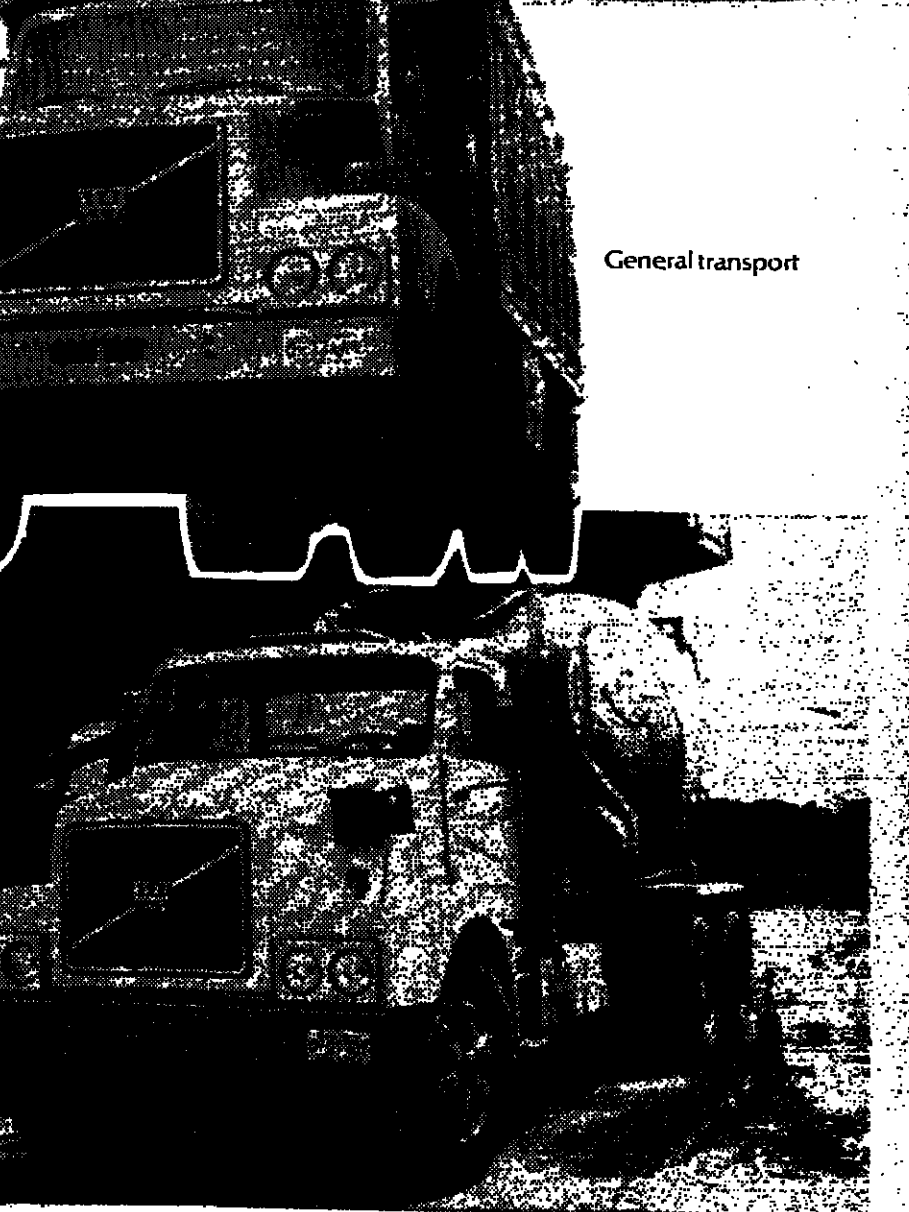
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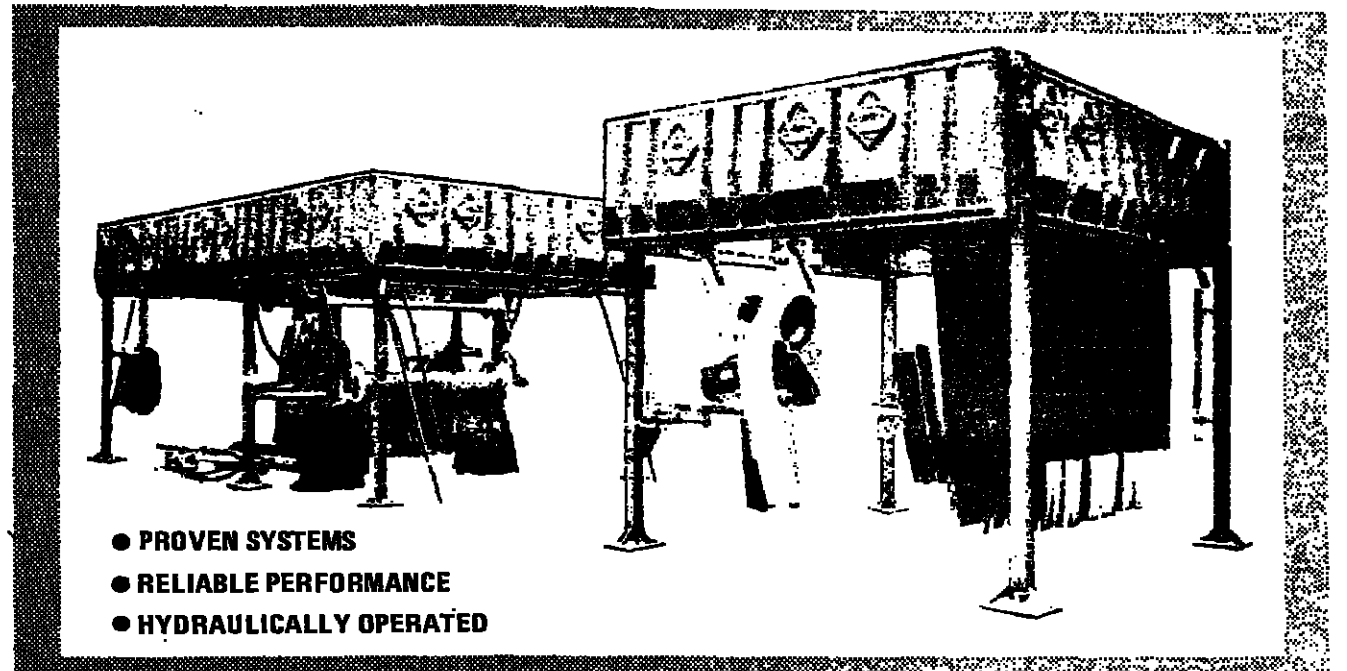
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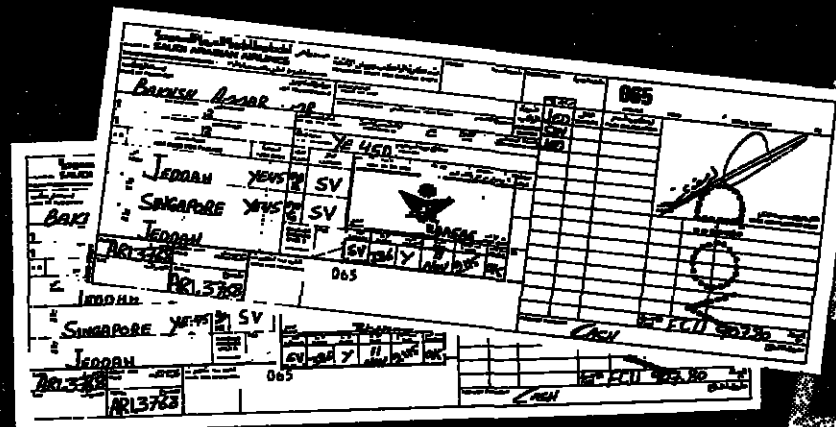
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JAPAN'S DEFENSE

Japan's new Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone has promised to bolster his country's defenses and share the burden of safeguarding the region against possible Soviet encroachment. But one can be sure that the clever Japanese who turned the military disaster of World War II into a stupendous economic victory will calculate their contributions carefully using carat weighing scales.

They were quite happy with the American command against rebuilding their military machine at the end of the war and content to leave their protection to the American umbrella and army stationed in Okinawa and elsewhere.

While "victorious" Western European states rebuilt their military industries and armies at great cost, the Japanese built cars and transistor radios to flood the world and create their own impressive economic miracle. At the same time they maintained a tight rein on imports except those deemed necessary for survival like petroleum products and other raw materials.

Nakasone, who is considered more pro-American than his predecessor, might be persuaded to spend more of the country's largess on defense thereby undertaking a realistic share of the financial burden in the region.

ESMAT SADAT'S TRIAL

The trial of Esmat Sadat on charges of corruption and illicit use of his position during the reign of his brother focuses on a period in Egyptian history which was notorious for its emphasis on individual aggrandizement.

Esmat claims to be innocent and has challenged the government to prove his guilt and take away any riches proved to have been illegitimately acquired.

He may or may not be guilty of misusing his brother's position for lining his own pockets. This trial will show if it is fair and public but it appears that the whole Sadat regime may be dragged into court for a real bollocking and a lot more heads may roll before the whole truth or untruth is known for sure.

Saudi Arabian press review

Al-Jazirah said Sunday the breakdown of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit in Tripoli was the outcome of Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi's "irrational practices and policies". The paper deplored Qaddafi's policy of hegemony which it said was aimed at fomenting trouble and riots in the Third World states.

The paper said the main reason for the collapse of the summit was the Libyan leader's insistence on "imposing his ideas and views on OAU member states."

Al-Yom deplored the failure of the summit and its negative consequences on the future of the African unity. The paper noted that some African leaders, despite continuous failure, had not cared "to listen to the voice of reason or to reassess their policies in the interest of African unity."

It singled out Qaddafi as an "insane leader whose irresponsible policies have greatly damaged the Afro-Arab solidarity."

Commenting on Britain's decision not to welcome a PLO representative in an Arab League delegation, expected to visit London, **Al-Nadwa** highlighted the British role in displacing the Palestinian people from their homeland. The paper said the British

decision not to receive the delegation as long as it included a PLO representative was a "ridiculous pretext that cannot be justified."

"The decision shows the weakness of the British government to face pressure and yield to the other side's stand," the paper added.

Okaz hailed the six-point statement issued by the Palestine Central Council in Damascus last Friday and underlined the importance of coordination between the Palestinian diplomatic moves and the Palestinian commando action. The paper also noted the council's call to Egypt to return to the Arab fold since its isolation had a negative impact on the Arab solidarity.

It said the council's statement reflected a rational moderation in the Palestinian policy both at Arab and international levels.

"Moreover, the council's deliberations have shown the Palestinian leaders' determination to place political option as a main channel for their diplomatic moves without ruling out other options as long as Israel does not respond positively to international moves and plans seeking a fair and comprehensive solution to the Palestine question," the paper wrote. (SPA)

NATO set to reconsider policy toward Poland

By Sidney Welland

LONDON — NATO officials say it may take more than the lifting of martial law in Poland to persuade Western governments to drop sanctions against the Warsaw regime. The Western alliance is working on policy options on the assumption that Poland will end martial law on Dec. 13, exactly 12 months after it was imposed.

The Polish government has let it be known in Western capitals that this is now a firm objective, barring what it describes as "unforeseen or extraordinary" events. Whether it would be enough to satisfy NATO calls for the ending on "repression" in Poland remains unclear. "We shall want to read the fine print carefully," a senior diplomat said.

Western officials fear many restrictions involved in martial law may be retained under other names in emergency powers now being drafted by the military government. Polish sources have indicated that strikes will be banned for at least a year, and that censorship and some curbs on travel and the right of assembly will be retained.

A key question for the West is how many political detainees will be freed by Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski's government. At least 1,000 Poles are held under various forms of detention, and many others have been jailed for offenses against the martial law regime. Western diplomats believe several thousand people are under varying types of restraint.

Selective releases by the Jaruzelski regime since last year's crackdown were labeled inadequate by the West. Western officials believe Poland has leaked details of its plan to end martial law in hopes of influencing NATO foreign ministers before they meet in Brussels on Dec. 9. The 16 foreign ministers were in any case due to reconsider Western policy toward Poland.

So far, all NATO members except Greece have united in a tough stand against the military regime. But there have been hints some would now like to help Poland's economic recovery. Polish diplomats say they hope the Brussels meeting will take a softer line and that NATO will ease economic sanctions.

They cite what they call an "irrevocable" intention to end martial law and the release two weeks ago of Solidarity union leader Lech Walesa as proof that Poland is slowly returning to normal after two-and-a-half years of social turmoil.

Martial law ended a unique experiment in which Solidarity, Eastern Europe's only independent trade union, gained many concessions after strikes and protest actions by workers. The union was banned in October, and underground activists failed to rally support for a strike in mid-November, prompting the government to claim the movement had finally been crushed.

NATO foreign ministers will face hard choices when they meet in Brussels, alliance officials said. While they want to keep up pressure on Poland for greater relaxation, officials try to avoid saying anything that could be seized on by Warsaw to delay action on martial law.

With the meeting due to end three days before a crucial session of the Polish parliament — billed as the occasion for the formal ending of martial law — NATO may be forced to issue a circumspect holding statement.

"It will be something to test NATO's ingenuity," a British official said.

One of the West's three criteria for Poland was rendered void with the outlawing of Solidarity — a demand for a dialogue between the state, the union and the Roman Catholic Church. The other criteria called for an end to martial law and the release of detainees. NATO experts say the guidelines may have to be redefined to take account of the changing situation.

The dilemma over Poland is only part of a broader problem faced by NATO: How to respond to the new Soviet leadership headed by Yuri Andropov, and to assess whether Western initiatives are called for to help ease East-West tensions.

NATO sources say the Brussels meeting is unlikely to take a final decision on sanctions, but could leave the way open for concessions if martial law is lifted. What happens then would depend on whether NATO thinks the action is really meaningful.

NATO countries suspended government aid to Poland last January and froze negotiations on Warsaw's official debts.

The U.S. went further, also restricting trade. Additionally, President Reagan banned high technology exports to Moscow and imposed other economic sanctions against the Soviet Union.

Reagan argues that the Soviet Union bore "a heavy and direct responsibility for the repression in Poland." (R)

Letters to the editor

Helping Palestinians

Sir, I am a 9th grade student in the Manarat Jeddah School and have heard a lot about the cruelty which is being inflicted on Palestinians by Israel.

It is all very well to discuss it, read about it in magazines and papers and sympathize with the Palestinians, but it is high time all the Muslims consolidated and helped their brothers out there who are undergoing terrible torture and being eradicated for no apparent reason.

It is no use sending reinforcements because Israel is too strong and the Israelis have made it known that victory is their destiny. Instead of feeling despondent, money and other necessities should be sent to our poor, destitute brothers.

I have read with interest the earlier letters sent to you about this situation and I sincerely hope people are being influenced by them. Furthermore, I add my voice for the improvement of the lot of Palestinians.

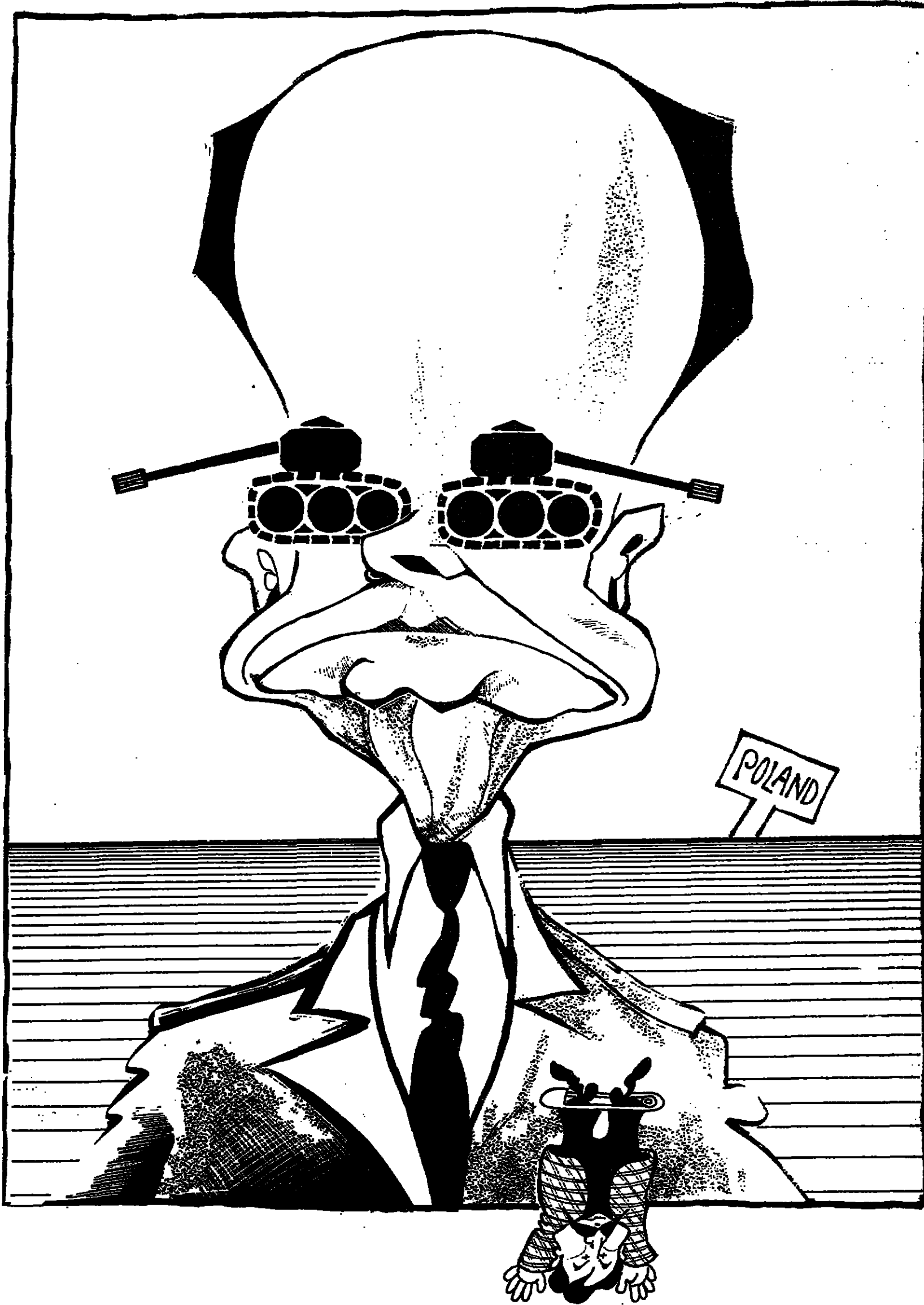
Uzma Hussain
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Jeddah

A best murderer award

Sir, The Nobel Peace Prize has lost its charm and prestige after it was given to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Worse than that, the Nobel Peace Prize Committee did not withdraw the award after this murderer was found responsible for the massacre of Palestinian civilians in West Beirut camps.

In order to maintain the prestige of such prize and uphold the aims of Alfred Nobel, I suggest that the peace prize committee withdraw the prize awarded to Begin and instead a best terrorist-murderer award be given to him.

Qazi Syed Mansoor M.D.



Reagan's C.America trip draws Nicaragua's fire

By Joseph B. Frazier

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica —

Nicaragua's Soviet-equipped military buildup and increasing tensions between left and right-wing factions in the region will be a high priority in meetings between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and four Central American presidents this week. Nicaragua has been excluded from the visit, and the leftist Sandinista government there has been denouncing the Reagan trip as one of "aggression and haughtiness."

The Reagan visit comes at a time when relations between Nicaragua and its four Central American neighbors are increasingly tense. Central America also faces tough economic problems and is undergoing its biggest upheaval since its nations won independence from Spain in 1821.

El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Guatemala accuse Nicaraguan leftists of being responsible for much of the violence in the area, while leftists accuse the United States of trying to "destabilize" the Nicaraguan junta. The acrimony has been growing ever since the junta came to power in July 1979, when it overthrew rightist President Anastasio Somoza at the end of a bloody one-year civil war.

Claiming that Nicaragua's three-man junta allowed Soviet and Cuban weapons to be smuggled to leftist guerrillas in El Salvador, the Reagan administration cut off all aid to Nicaragua in 1980.

American officials and the Central American governments both charge Nicaragua is building a Soviet-equipped military force that goes beyond its defense needs. Nicaragua has an army of 14,000 to 17,000 soldiers and a trained militia estimated at 30,000 to 40,000 men and women armed with Soviet assault rifles, tanks and artillery.

In the last week Nicaraguan officials talked of buying modern Soviet-made MiGs or French Mirage jets "to protect Nicaraguan sovereignty." The United States has quietly warned it will not tolerate MiGs.

El Salvador's military establishment is the second largest, with 26,000 officers and men, including special police forces.

The foreign ministers of Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Costa Rica in meetings earlier this year called the Nicaraguan buildup "a threat to peace in the area." They also expressed concern over the junta's repression of dissidents.

Gen. Gustavo Alvarez Martinez, the Honduran forces commander-in-chief, recently called Nicaragua "the beachhead" of a Marxist conspiracy against Central America. A sore point between Nicaragua and Honduras is the presence in Honduras of 17,000 Nicaraguan exiles loyal to Somoza. Most of them are former military men who live in

reduced camps near the Nicaraguan border, and Nicaraguan officials claim they frequently mount cross-border raids on Nicaraguan communities and installations.

The Reagan administration has been increasing military aid to El Salvador and Honduras. Aid to Guatemala was suspended four years ago because of the country's record of large-scale human rights abuses. All the four neighbors are trying to avoid antagonizing the Nicaraguan junta. But the military in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala are known to have developed contingency plans in case trouble develops with Nicaragua.

Costa Rica has no army, but it began strengthening its tiny police force after a recent spate of bombings and other leftist terrorist attacks, which are unusual in this country. The government fears that anti-junta Nicaraguans might try to use Costa Rica as a base for cross-border attacks.

Last week, Honduras said it would not schedule joint military maneuvers with U.S. forces in an effort to relax tensions — at least during Reagan's visit. There have been frequent armed border clashes between forces of the two countries during the past two years.

In a stopover here on his return from a South American trip, Reagan will meet separately Dec. 3 with Costa Rican President Luis Alberto Monge, with provisional President Alvaro Magana of El Salvador and with Honduran President Roberto Suazo Cordova and Gen. Efraim Rios Montt of Guatemala in Honduras the next day. The visit will be the first by an American president to any of the countries since Lyndon Johnson came to Costa Rica in 1968. It will be Reagan's first meeting with Rios Montt and Magana, both of whom took office last spring.

Another big issue they are expected to discuss with Reagan is the area's economic troubles, widespread poverty and lack of development money, which many officials say is helping fuel leftist guerrilla violence.

Guatemala has found some oil but not enough to meet its domestic needs. The other countries, as well as Panama to the south and Belize to the northeast, have none and must depend on costly imports, while world prices of coffee, cotton, bananas and beef, which they produce for a living, have been steadily dropping. The nations also are plagued by high interest rates and sizable foreign debts, made worse by regional guerrilla fighting, violence and instability.

All four countries depend on U.S. economic aid in one form or another for survival. But many officials in the area fear they may not get much more U.S. support because of opposition in Washington to greater U.S. involvement in Central America.

They are still wary of the Reagan administration's support for Britain in its war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands earlier this year.

Reagan's visits to Brazil and Colombia are seen at least in part as an attempt to ease some of the bad feelings that resulted from the Falklands conflict. He likely will assure the four Central American leaders as well that they can depend on the United States despite its siding with the British. (AP)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Nov. 29th, the 333rd day of 1982. There are 32 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1580 — Francis Drake returns from circumnavigating the globe.

1798 — Ferdinand IV of Naples declares war on France and enters Rome.

1880 — First Japanese Diet convenes.

1918 — Nicholas, king of Montenegro, is deposed and the Kingdom is united with Serbia.

1922 — Archaeologists announce they have found fabulous treasures in tomb of Tutankhamen in Egypt.

1929 — U.S. Navy Lt. Richard E. Byrd radios that he has made first airplane flight over South Pole.

1945 — Monarchy is abolished in Yugoslavia, with King Peter II deprived of all vested rights.

1947 — The United Nations announces plan for partition of Palestine with Jerusalem under U.N. control.

1962 — Britain and France agree to develop Concorde supersonic airliner.

1963 — All 118 people aboard Canadian airliner are killed in crash during rainstorm near Montreal.

1964 — Several hundred thousand people demonstrate in Peking against U.S. involvement in the Congo, calling it aggression.

1973 — More than 100 people perish in department store fire in Kumamoto, Japan.

1977 — The Soviet Union declines Egypt's invitation to take part in informal talks in Cairo to prepare for Geneva conference on Middle East.

1980 — Twenty persons are reported killed in new wave of gun battles marking continuous upheaval in El Salvador.

Thought for today:

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'Top Act' and 'Top Cop' have a frank exchange of views

Reagan haunted by campaign promises, Andropov worried about his future...

By Harry McPherson

WASHINGTON (WP) — In the dream, the new Soviet Communist Party secretary, Yuri V. Andropov, sends the following letter to President Ronald Reagan:

Dear Mr. President:

I appreciate the reasons why you could not attend Leonid Ilyich's funeral. Your representatives did make clear, in your unavoidable absence, that you would continue to work for positive relations between our two countries. That much was perfectly acceptable.

However, your new secretary of state, Mr. Shultz, went on to tell representatives of the Moscow press that you expected "constructive behavior" from us. The presumption was that we have behaved otherwise in the recent past. This is an unacceptable slur, particularly as it was uttered during our days of bereavement following the death of a tireless fighter for world peace. It suggests a judgmental attitude on your part, a rapping of our knuckles. Please be advised, as I told our people upon my accession to the leadership of the Soviet Communist Party, that our military might will prevent imperialists from dictating any course of action to the Soviet Union.

With highest esteem, etc.

Y. Andropov

CC: Members, Central Committee
Minister of Defense

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am glad that you share my hope for more positive relations between the United States and the Soviet Union. This can be achieved, as Chancellor Kohl and I have jointly declared, only if Soviet conduct makes it possible. It is not our desire to "dictate" to the Soviet Union. We do, however, intend to continue strengthening our defense capability, to the end that the Soviet Union will understand once and for all that it cannot threaten the security of free nations without the gravest consequences to itself. The ball, Mr. Secretary, is in your court.

Please accept my best wishes upon your elevation to the leadership of one of the world's most important nations.

R. Reagan

CC: Secretary of Defense

Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Sen. John Tower, Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee
Chairman, Committee on the Present Danger

Dear Mr. President:

Your message is received. I wonder if you would wish to join me in a little private communication? On what I believe you call the "back channel". No secretaries, no ministers, no senators, no generals, no "present danger". Just the two of us. Let me know.

Andropov (no copies)

P.S. I suggest that we use code names. What about "Top Act" for you, "Top Cop" for me? From our earlier lives. Like "Former Naval Person," as FDR addressed Churchill?

Dear Top Cop:

Sure, go ahead.

Top Act

CC: William Clark, NSC

Dear Top Act:

You understand, of course, that what has occurred here is unusual in recent Soviet history. I have assumed power without the benefit of assassinations, embarrassing disclosures, or other indications of disorder. I must at the same time move carefully, in order not to provoke internal countermeasures. Hence the "Back Channel."

I have a proposal. You and I represent very

Book review

A journey along Indus

By Muhammad Azhar Ali Khan

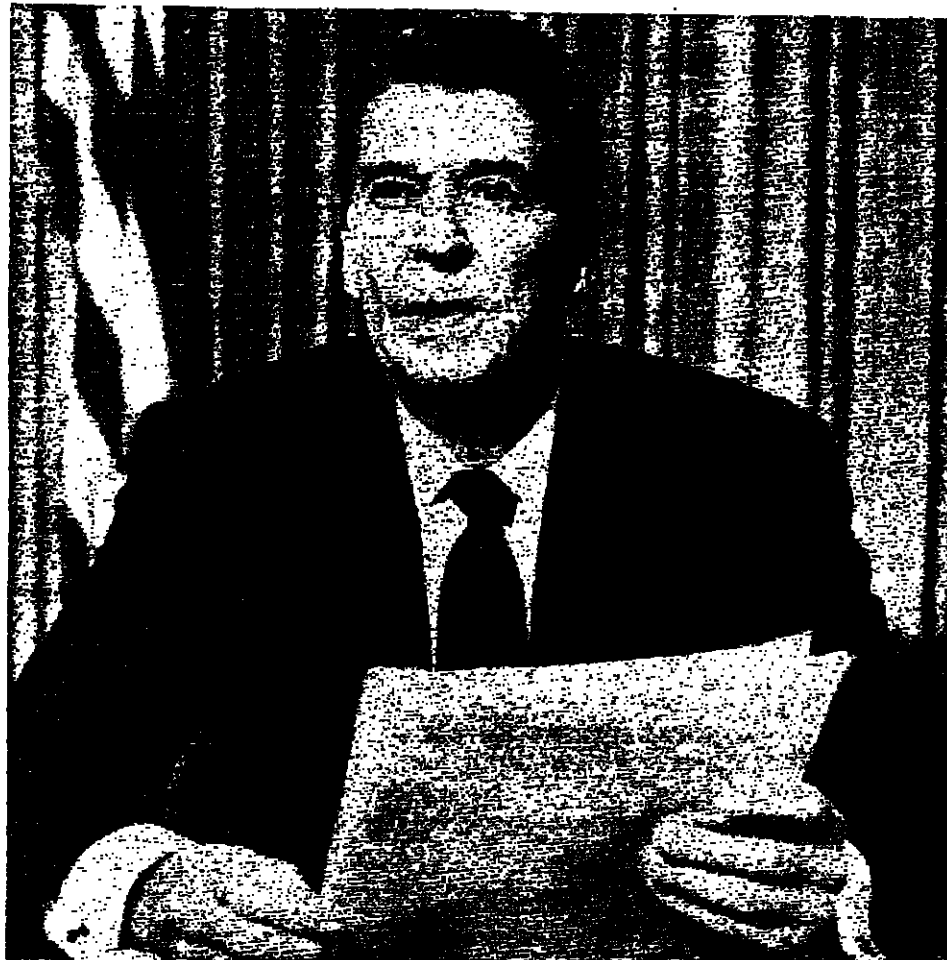
Muhammad Amin is one of the leading photographers of Africa and the Muslim World. He has written more than 12 books including *Pilgrimage to Mecca*, *Cradle of Mankind*, and *Journey through Kenya*. He also produces documentaries for BBC and others.

Journey through Pakistan is yet another achievement for Amin and his British Compatriots, Duncan Willets and Graham Hancock. Its color pictures are simply stunning not only in their clarity but also in the richness and diversity of life they portray. The book traces the flow of the River Indus from the peaks in the Himalayas through valleys, plains and cities to Karachi where it meets the Arabian Sea.

The author also makes sidetrips to present glimpses of life in Pakistan in its many remote and not easily accessible areas. As such the book is an eye-opener and fascinating presentation not only to foreigners interested in this ancient land but also to Pakistanis themselves.

Even if they are aware of their rich history that dates back thousands of years, Pakistanis are not familiar with all parts of their country. This book brings them all but — from Khyber Pass to hill resorts like Murree, the Karakoram highway that straddles the roof of the world, Hunza Valley, Gilgit, Multan which was already old when Alexander the Great happened to pass by, Chitral, Quetta, Hyderabad and Karachi. It shows gorgeous architecture, colorful costumes, magnificent pottery, impressive mosques, and all kinds of art work — along with faces of all ages of Pakistan's men, women and children ranging from the gypsies of the north to tribesmen to fishermen to polo players. It is a heart-warming, delightful book.

Journey Through Pakistan, By Muhammad Amin, Duncan Willets and Graham Hancock; 255 pages; \$37.95; published by the Bodley Head, London, Sydney and Toronto.



U.S. President Ronald Reagan

different forms of government, each appropriate to the peoples we lead. But we face two great problems. One is preventing the outbreak of fighting that might escalate into nuclear war, which neither of us could possibly survive — no matter what your Pentagon intellectuals and my general staff may think or say.

The other is related. Both of us are fast on our way to spending ourselves into an economic chasm, in order to achieve what the generals call "military security." By which they mean the ability to push the other side around without the danger of retaliation.

You and I know that we cannot push each other around in the crucial areas of the world without inviting such retaliation. We can each secure the fringes, and we can take advantage of certain opportunities elsewhere. We can accept the useful interventions of our friends, the Cubans and the Israelis. But we cannot threaten the crucial interests of the other without fear of disaster.

be higher still. It is like gasoline on the flames here. Our people insist on more, more, in response. There will never be enough, so long as either side keeps piling arms upon arms. Other needs are squeezed out. Our countries will ultimately become like impoverished Samurais.

Here is my proposal. You reduce your rate of increase next year — not your total expenditures, just the rate of growth — by half. In a little time, after I have made a few firm speeches to reassure my colleagues and the generals, I will respond in kind. The year after that we will do the same. I'll go first that year. You can follow, citing evidence of our restraint or whatever reason you must give to justify your action. What do you say to this?

Top Cop

Dear Top Cop:

Interesting idea. There are several problems with it, so far as I am concerned. (1) I campaigned for the presidency on the issue of improving our defenses. I said Carter had



Soviet leader Yuri Vladimirovich Andropov

Yet the military race goes on. In the Soviet Union, military expenditures have beggared the needs of most citizens. Here we Russians are able to throw the most sophisticated armaments into any city of the West, and we cannot keep food on the shelves of stores or arrange to have a gearbox repaired. There you Americans are, cutting taxes so that your middle class may have more to spend on consumer goods, and your cities are crumbling, your unemployed are multiplying, your bankruptcies are growing.

Military spending is not the only reason why this is so. Our Soviet system is inefficient. We are in some respects an underdeveloped country, and our bureaucracy seems determined to keep us so. Your economy, too, powerful as it has been, is deep in recession. Still you prefer to "stay the course," for reasons I do not entirely comprehend.

But if military spending is not the sole villain, it is a great drain for us both. More important, we can do something about it, if we want to. Until now we have been unable to control these expenditures. Our generals say you are ahead of us in this vital area. We are mortally threatened. We must catch up. Yours say the same about some other weapon or technology.

So you pick a number for defense spending growth so high that nobody could complain it wasn't enough — and you say next year it will

allow us to fall into a condition of perilous weakness. (2) I have since declared that we are in a position of inferiority, and must spend what it takes to get out of it. (3) The generals (and admirals — don't forget the Navy) over here, while they don't threaten coups, do testify before Congress. They are quite capable of suggesting that they are being asked to defend the nation with the equivalent of sticks and stones. That would provide ammunition to my political enemies, and would be quite embarrassing to me in dealing with my friends. Many of the latter are already suspicious that I have sold out too often on taxes, school prayer, pipeline sanctions and so on. What will they say when I reduce the Pentagon budget by half? Somebody is bound to suggest that I run next time with George McGovern. (4) What indeed would the Committee on the Present Danger say? I remind you that about two dozen of them have been given jobs or advisory roles in my government. I'll tell you what would happen. They would sharpshoot from the inside while Saffire, and the Helms crowd in the Senate, and the unconscionable Democrats in the house would snipe away from the perimeter. (5) I contended, during the campaign, that the increased revenues we would receive from cutting taxes — that's right, from cutting taxes and freeing America's great productive power to grow and expand

— that those revenues would pay for the defense buildup. If I cut the military budget now, somebody will say it never could have worked. Somebody like Stockman, our budget man. (6) How can I trust you to respond in kind? My predecessors got absorbed in the SALT, and they hardly noticed you shipping 320 SS-20s into position to hit Europe. What will you do if I enter into this kind of informal ratcheting-down agreement with you? Move into Iran?

Top Act

Dear Top Act:

Let me respond to a few of your concerns. I shall not, for obvious reasons, attempt to counsel you on how to free yourself from campaign pledges. And I do not mean to suggest that you would not encounter political difficulties. So would I, and as you know, when our leaders have run into insurmountable political problems they have not been retired to golf in Palm Springs, or to write memoirs, or appear on talk shows.

Still I cannot understand why you regard the ones you mention so seriously. Take the generals and admirals. Has anyone ever heard them say they were adequately provided with weapons? And how could Mr. Weinberger be a problem for his friend Mr. Reagan?

You speak of The Committee on The Present Danger. If they have all been given jobs, what is the worry? The Democrats — I thought most of them were for slowing down the Pentagon increases, in order to pay for schools, health care, food stamps, and the rest. How can they be taken seriously if they complain?

The "Helms crowd" I do not know. They are not taken seriously over here. But I should think you could satisfy them with another, I believe you call it, "social issue." Doing something about dirty movies, for example. You will be able far better than I to come up with such an issue. Now, you are also worried about your "supply-side" economics not being shown to produce big revenues for defense. Stockman may tell somebody it never could have worked. But Stockman, so your papers say, wants to cut the defense budget. Why should he complain if you do? And does he not work for you?

You don't really risk much if you enter into this bargain. Our borders are quiet, for the time being. If I do not reciprocate within six months, you are free to call it off and renew this ridiculous arms chase. You will have lost nothing but a little lead-time on weapons to be delivered years from now.

Top Cop

P.S. I do not propose "reducing the Pentagon budget by half," as you say in your message. I propose reducing the rate of increase by half. With all respect, please try to keep the facts straight as we go along.

P.P.S. KGB tells me McGovern will not run in 1984.

Dear Top Cop:

This would leave you in Afghanistan. It would leave you looking down Europe's throat with your SS-20s, without a Western counterforce. It would leave you still suppressing your dissidents and preventing Russian Jews from emigrating. It would leave the labor camps intact, and it would leave you exerting pressure on Jaruzelski to crush Solidarity. It would leave you still a land without liberty, where stupid state power can do nothing well except make armaments. It would not free the spirit of man from the dread of your bombs or the threat of your jails.

Top Act

Dear Top Act:

Correct. I was not proposing to rearrange the alphabet. I was suggesting that we address our joint problem of defense expenditures grown so big that they disorder our economies. Surely you listen to your big businessmen. They are going around Washington — your papers say this — calling for reductions in the defense budget.

Anyway, your big military forces have not managed to prevent the things you complain of in your last message. Nothing indicates that bigger forces will do so, either. See my first message for why. "Crucial interests" cannot be threatened without grave danger.

So let's not wait to mute the immutable. (Is that correct?) Let us cut the arms budget a little. People could buy a few things.

Top Cop

Dear Top Cop:

You may be right. Let me think it over further. If we do agree to do it, no meetings. I'll do it my way, you do it yours.

Top Act

Dear Top Act:

It is a deal.

Top Cop.

Squabble over sea riches may wreck treaty

By Geoffrey Lean

LONDON (LOS) — The Law of the Sea treaty opens for signature at a special conference in Jamaica next month. Not much blotting paper will be needed.

President Ronald Reagan has already decided not to sign, and Britain's Premier Margaret Thatcher will probably keep her fountain pen in her handbag. This could cripple the treaty, 15 years in the making, which is often described as the most important ever drawn up. For if Britain also fails to sign, other countries, particularly West Germany, are likely to follow suit. The treaty, a tome of 320 articles and nine annexes, is intended to give everyone a share in the riches of the sea.

The British Foreign Office and Department of Environment and Defense want Britain to sign because of the provisions for free passage and environmental protection. The Treasury and the Department of Industry oppose them, because they do not like requirement on rich countries, which alone have the resources to mine the deep ocean,



LION ROCK: Painted on the lion rock of Sri Lanka are beautiful frescoes of slender human figures.

Sri Lanka's lion rock shrouded in mysteries

By Edward Altmann

A short plane ride from Saudi Arabia takes you to one of the most fascinating islands of the world — ancient Ceylon, modern Sri Lanka. In the shallow, murky waters of the north coast, remnants of stone walls may be seen, walls which may tie this island to the civilizations of Sumer, Dilmun, Mohenjo Daro and Harappa.

Ancient Arab mariners sailed from ports in the Arabian Gulf to the island they called Serendib. With advanced knowledge of navigation, they followed the monsoon winds and brought back fabulous gemstones. Sinbad's "Valley of Gems", immortalized in the *Arabian Nights*, is located in southern Sri Lanka.

Fifteen hundred years ago, the Ceylonese built immense stone cities in the jungle. Today, a tourist can visit these cities and wonder at the patience and artistry of the people. Arriving in Colombo, you take a beautiful ride through the jungles and past the rice fields, climbing ever higher, to the city of Kandy. Situated on the shores of a picturesque lake, encircled by green mountains, Kandy is the starting for a breathtaking tour of Sri Lanka.

A short drive brings you to the "lost" cities of Polanaruvu and Anuradhapura, painstakingly recovered from the jungle by teams of archaeologists. Near these sprawling remnants of the past rises the most unusual feature of the island and perhaps one of the most unique places in the world. Getting there is a challenge, but a worthwhile one.

There are no real footholds — only a shallow groove worn into the ancient stone by countless visitors over the past angle, is a well rugged iron rod driven into the granite cliff face, slender and frail looking. A smaller diameter horizontal rod threads its way up the nearly vertical face of this 400-foot-high granite pile.

The view is magnificent. Below you stretches a bowl of cultivated land surrounded by jungle and rimmed by some of the most beautiful mountain scenery in the world. At the foot of Sigiya are the remnants of precisely laid-out palaces, gardens and pools. From these reminders of a past era, you climb gigantic boulders strewn haphazardly at the base of the cliff. Clambering over and around these giant chunks of the cliff (they appear to have been broken off the main body — possibly by lightning), you reach a rickety circular metal stair. This leads to a shallow indentation approximately one-third of the way up the escarpment.

Painted on the rock, protected from the elements by the cliff, are beautiful frescoes of handmaidens. The slender figures are grouped in twos and threes with an occasional single girl in the composition. They are vibrant with color, almost as bright as the day on which they were first painted, c. 459 A.D. The cave is inaccessible except by the "mod-

ern" stair. To this day, the purpose of the paintings, as well as the means used to reach the site, remains a mystery.

Descending the stairway, you walk between the cliff and a smooth plaster wall with an unusual reflective quality. The "mirror wall" purpose is also shrouded in mystery. Now you approach more steps and continue ascending the cliffs. These steps lead to a plateau situated halfway up the face of the rock. From here, yet another stairway continues upward. These stairs are flanked by the colossal paws of a lion. The claws alone are around three feet high. The lion itself, long since destroyed, must have been of immense proportions. All too soon, the stairs stop and the "impossible" ascent begins. Inch by inch, the climb is negotiated up the vertical cliff wall. Along this way were bailed the bricks and other materials used to build the palaces upon the four-acre summit.

Sadly, nothing now remains of the magnificent grounds except the terraces, low walls, reservoirs where fountains once played and observation points where the man who conceived all this sat brooding over his works. Occasionally in history, a rare combination of power and the desire for extravagant construction are found in a ruler. The Roman Emperor Tiberius built his spectacular villas on the island of Capri, and Ludwig II dotted the Bavarian hills with his fairy tale castles. Kassapa, the force behind Sigiya, was such a builder, equipped with absolute power to carry out his visions.

The son of King Dhatusena and a commoner, Kassapa ordered his father drowned and forced his more-legitimate half brother, Muggollana, into exile. Then, his bloodthirsty quest for his father's hidden treasure frustrated, he removed the court from Anuradhapura to Sigiya. Safe on top of his impregnable fortress, for some reason he ventured forth to meet his avenging half brother in a pitched battle. Cut off from his own troops and surrounded by enemies, Kassapa took his own life.

There are a number of mysteries and unanswered questions surrounding this site. Native tradition has it that there exists a secret, as yet undiscovered, passage way from the summit. This tunnel was used only by the ruler, and may have been the means of access to the "picture gallery." The immense lion paws have never been satisfactorily explained. Were they left unfinished because of the war or did the victorious Muggollana destroy the lion?

Curiously, the site is devoid of any religious structure as if the place has been considered evil by the religions of Sri Lanka. Even in the bright tropical sunlight, there is an aura about the place, as if the tormented ruler still haunts his palaces. And who knows, may be it is not the moaning of the wind you hear as you cling on the path, hundreds of feet above the ground.

to share proceeds and technology with poorer ones.

The whole debate is a million miles from the original idea behind the treaty. Twelve years ago, adopting a phrase first used by President Johnson, the United Nations unanimously declared the wealth of the oceans to be "the common heritage of mankind," setting the stage for a treaty that would dramatically narrow the gap between rich and poor.

At least a quarter of the world's oil reserves lie beneath the sea. And the seabed is littered with strange potato-shaped nodules, containing enough manganese, nickel, cobalt, copper, molybdenum, aluminum and iron to last the world for thousands of years.

But as the immensely complicated negotiations dragged on, this hope of a new deal for the Third World faded and faded. First the conference agreed 200-mile economic zones for all coastal states. This took away from the common heritage one-third of the oceans, including almost all known and suspected reserves of oil and

gas, and gave most of it to rich countries.

The distribution of the wealth of the nodules, after years of deadlock, was finally resolved after an initiative by the United States. Prime areas of the seabed would be split between individual companies and a special international mining authority.

By 1980 agreement had virtually been reached and negotiators on all sides were hailing a remarkable international achievement. Then President Reagan repudiated U.S. involvement on ideological grounds, even though the United States would be the treaty's major beneficiary. He sought improvements; won some of them but then announced he would not sign anyway.

The Americans have spent the last months trying to persuade a handful of rich countries to draw up a mini-treaty of their own under which they would share out the spoils of the deep sea, but banks have made it clear they would not risk financing operations outside international law.

Non-signatories of the treaty are likely to be excluded from its navigation benefits.

UNESCO delegates OK news flow draft

PARIS, Nov. 28 (R) — Delegates to a UNESCO conference in Paris have approved a resolution aimed at clearing the way for adoption of a project intended to improve international communications and the news flow between industrialized and developing countries.

The resolution, which incorporates concepts promoted by Western states who voiced fears that some aspects of the project could pose a threat to freedom of the press, was passed by consensus in an open public session of a key conference committee.

The communications project is one of 13 included in an overall plan submitted to the conference by Ahmadou Mahtar M'bow, director general of UNESCO — the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The project in its original form has been warmly welcomed by Third World countries, who argue that Western media and international news organizations based on the West dominate the flow of information and say they want a greater voice for themselves.

But the United States, Britain and a number of other Western countries say they feel that in its present form the draft suggests that work of journalists and the transmission of news should be subject to controls by governmental organizations.

Western delegates said Saturday night the resolution, drafted after a long overnight session involving representatives of the West, Communist countries and the Third World, was a reasonable document to which in general they could subscribe. But both U.S. and British delegation sources said they expected to voice reservations about some of its wording when it comes up for approval at a full session of the conference next week, although they would not withhold their consensus from it.

The sources said they were pleased that the resolution included a provision formulated by the West calling on UNESCO to foster recognition of the role the media could play "in scrutinizing actions which might lead to an abuse of power." This was intended as encouragement for investigative journalism which might not be palatable to many governments, the sources added.

But the sources said their delegations were unhappy that references in M'bow's project to the role of the media as an instrument and suggestions that UNESCO could play a part in determining the content of news messages distributed internationally were not challenged by the resolution.

UNESCO officials said that the resolution, once given consensus by the full conference, would be taken into account by the director general when preparing his final text of the communications project. Officials of several Western delegations said they preferred to hold off full judgment on the outcome of the discussions until they knew exactly what changes would be made to the draft project as a result of the resolution.

Diplomats said that consensus on the communications project would probably eliminate the danger of any Western pullout, as long as governments did not object to the reported compromise achieved by their delegates.

The U.S. Congress has voted to cut off funds UNESCO if it approves any measure that Washington thinks puts restrictions on press freedom. A quarter of UNESCO's budget comes from U.S. contributions.

African diplomats said Third World representatives in a working group which met on proposed amendments to the communications project draft had "bent over backwards" to accommodate the Western viewpoint.

Lopez Portillo ends term amid crisis

MEXICO, Nov. 28 (AFP) — Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo, 62, who leaves office Wednesday after a six-year mandate, will go down in history as the man who nationalized the banks and ended a 36-year-old rift with Spain.

The nationalization of the banking sector, announced on Sept. 1, will stand out both because of the confrontation it produced between government and private industry and because of the general background of financial and economic crisis: Mexico's foreign debt is now the highest in the world.

But although Mexicans realize their country is in deep financial trouble, they are divided over how much of the blame for this lies with Lopez Portillo. Those who condemn the outgoing president accuse him of counting too much on oil wealth, neglecting the control of dollar reserves and allowing a six-year term "which should have brought the biggest gains in the country's history" to turn into a financial disaster.

These critics emphasize that Lopez Portillo's mandate ends amid a serious economic crisis, after beginning in 1976 with a spectacular recovery from a difficult situation inherited from former President Luis Echeverria. A more "healthy" management by President Lopez Portillo would have maintained the trend toward improvement, they say.

President Lopez Portillo himself publicly acknowledged his "failure" to consolidate economic development achieved at the end of the 1970's, and has admitted leaving the country in a situation of "serious financial concern." The president's supporters however say private banks, for purely selfish motives, facilitated over several years a huge capital drain equivalent to Mexico's oil income, which finally led the country on the brink of bankruptcy.

To his credit, they point to a record



Lopez Portillo

economic growth of eight percent between 1977 and 1981, the creation of 4,000,000 new jobs, lowering the birth rate from 3.6 to 2.5 percent a year and the extension of primary education to all children.

At home, the Lopez Portillo term has mainly been marked by a process of "political reform" giving parliamentary and electoral representation to new left and right-wing opposition parties. In international affairs, President Lopez Portillo decided in 1977 after the death of Spanish dictator Gen. Francisco Franco to re-establish normal diplomatic relations with Spain, cutting long-standing ties with the Spanish republican government in exile.

Lopez Portillo has meanwhile generally followed the same Third World policies as his predecessor with the aim of achieving a more

equitable sharing of the world's resources and wealth. His mandate is marked by the North-South summit at Cancun in Mexico in 1981, and the submission to the United Nations of a "world energy program" calling for more rational exploitation of energy resources.

One of Lopez Portillo's main concerns has been for peace in Central America and the Caribbean. His role, prompted by geopolitical considerations, has however brought him into frequent confrontation with the United States.

Mexico, sometimes alone, but frequently in concertation with other states, has taken several initiatives to ease regional tension. Mexico and Venezuela this year co-sponsored a diplomatic offensive to ease tension between Honduras and Nicaragua.

At the end of 1979, under the San Jose Treaty, they also pledged to supply Central American and Caribbean Islands with oil on particularly advantageous terms. In 1981, Mexico together with France took the initiative of recognizing the representativeness of opposition political and military leaders in El Salvador.

Bullet hits twice

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Nov. 28 (R) — A man involved in a car crash here grabbed a policeman's gun and killed himself with a shot through the head, which also critically wounded the policeman, police said.

Eyewitnesses said one of the drivers in a city center crash pulled the gun from the policeman's holster, put it to his right temple and pulled the trigger. The bullet came out through the 24-year-old man's left temple and then hit the 26-year-old policeman in the head.

Jorge Blanco orders probe into clashes

SANTO DOMINGO, Nov. 28 (AP) — Dominican Republic President Salvador Jorge Blanco ordered a full investigation into the clash between riot police and state university students that left one student dead and more than 20 police and demonstrators injured.

Friday's disturbances near the campus of Santo Domingo's autonomous university were the second this week. Thursday night, police used tear gas and clubs to turn back some 2,000 demonstrators in a march organized by the leftist Dominican Students' Federation.

The students were protesting a government decision to hold the university's budget for 1983 at its current level of \$21 million. The administration of the institution, with an enrollment of 70,000 students, has asked for a minimum of \$56 million.

In ordering the investigation into the disturbances, the president stressed that he wanted to "fix responsibilities" for the outbreaks of violence at the university.

Jorge Blanco also sent a letter of condolence to the university's acting chancellor for the death of student Nicolas Valerio, 23. The president expressed concern in his letter for the effects of the violence on the "democratic life" of the nation.

In a related development, police said the bullet that killed the student was not fired by one of their weapons. The police statement said an investigation was being conducted into the shooting. Witnesses had reported earlier seeing a riot squad policeman fire at the student at point-blank range. Meanwhile, classes at the university were suspended until Monday.

Viets deny offensive in Cambodia

BANGKOK, Nov. 28 (AFP) — Vietnam has officially denied reports of a dry season offensive by its troops in Cambodia. It said the report was a bid by Communist China and "followers" to "cover up" their support for Cambodian resistance groups. The Vietnam News Agency (VNA), monitored here, rejected the reports as "pure figment of their authors' imagination."

Chinese authorities have said Vietnam was preparing a new adventure in Cambodia and that military authorities said an expected dry

season offensive against resistance groups had begun on Nov. 6.

"Such stories only aim to cover up the fact that China and its followers are lending a hand to the genocidal Pol Pot clique in their stubborn opposition to the Cambodian people's rebirth," VNA said. "This is also an attempt to doll up the ghostly government of the disguised Pol Pot gang, a group of exiled Khmer reactionaries who have no foothold in Cambodia," it added. The statement was also carried by Radio Hanoi, monitored here.

Peru imposes emergency in 2 states

LIMA, Nov. 28 (AFP) — The Peruvian government on Saturday suspended constitutional guarantees and decreed a 15-day state of emergency in two central Andean provinces where miners have called a strike starting Monday. The 30,000 miners, who work for the state-owned Centromin Enterprise, want higher pay.

The state of emergency has been in force since last year in several provinces in the southeast due to terrorist action by "T-10"

Light guerrillas whose ideology is based on the ideas of former Cambodian Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot.

Meanwhile, a 48-hour strike by farm workers ended Saturday after clashes in which one laborer was killed and six policemen were injured. Prime Minister Manuel Ulloa said the leaders of the farm labor movement would be prosecuted as "subversives."

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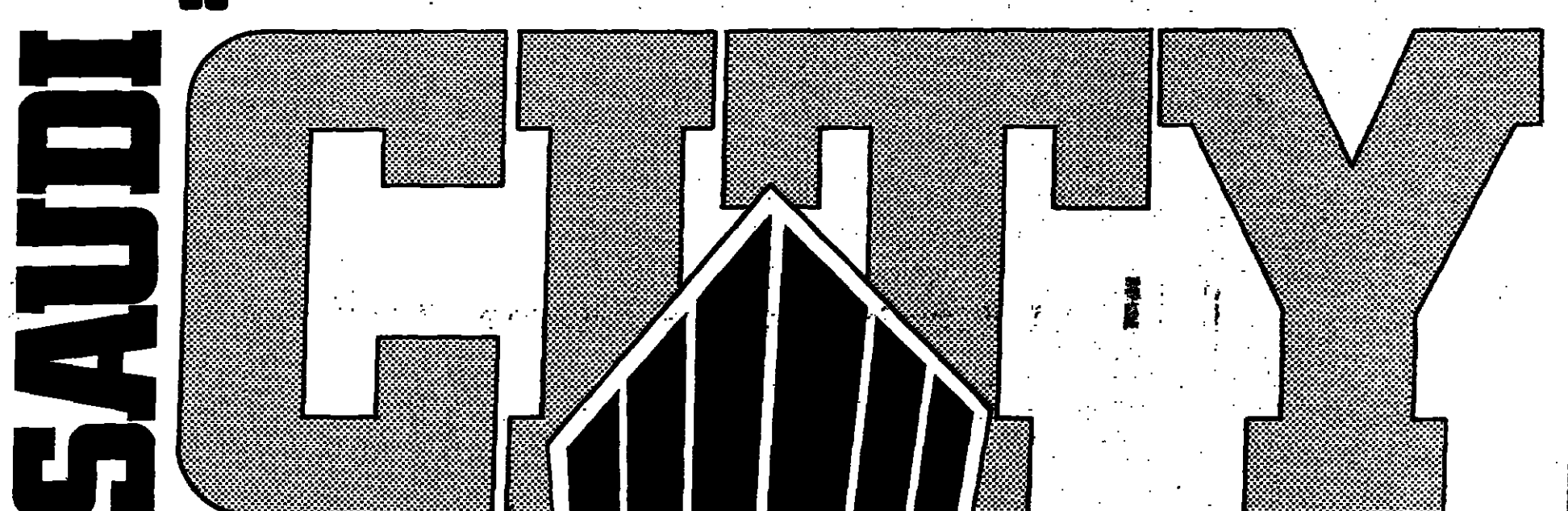
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One in two is 15 years old

More than 5 million refugees live in Africa

YAOUNDE, Nov. 28 (AFP) — Out of the world's 10 million refugees or "displaced persons" more than half live in Africa, where one refugee in every two is under 15 years old, according to a high official of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).

Maxime Leopold Zollner, director of the UNHCR's assistance programs, told Agence France Presse that to avoid these people becoming "refugees for life" they should, if possible, be settled in the country where they have fled or in third countries if they cannot be returned to their original homes.

The Horn of Africa is still the area of most concern for the UNHCR, with more than 1.2 million refugees from Ethiopia registered as living in either Somalia (700,000), Sudan (500,000) or Djibouti (40,000). However, these figures refer only to those who have been recorded by international bodies and who live in camps where they are provided with aid, as in Somalia, or in "rural cities" specially established for them, as in Sudan, Zollner stressed.

Other states which have refugees are Zaire (60,000 Ugandans and 30,000 Angolans), Angola (70,000 Namibians, 15,000 Zaireans and 5,000 South Africans) and Rwanda (30,000 Ugandans). Others are Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Zambia.

Zollner noted that thousands of Ugandans and Rwandans, anxious to escape harassment in Uganda, had been unable to get into Rwanda for several weeks, because of the decision by Rwandan authorities — already struggling with a serious overpopulation problem — to close the borders.

"They are now living in the frontier zone between the two states, where the UNHCR has established an assistance program," Zollner said. However, he added, such outright refusal to take refugees was rarer in Africa than elsewhere, "notably because of the continent's traditions of hospitality."

"African countries still provide more facilities and show more goodwill in accepting the settlement of refugees or the displaced," he said. Zollner singled out Tanzania as the first country to accept refugees "massively and openly" in this way. Last year, he noted, Dar es Salaam had given Tanzanian nationality to 30,000 people from Rwanda, after earlier granting land to 10,000 of them.



REFUGEE FAMILY: A refugee family of Rwandan ancestry outside its grass hut after the members fled to Rwanda from Uganda. They are among some 45,000 persons of Rwandan ancestry who fled from house burning, looting, cattle rustling and murder in Uganda.

Such action is welcomed by the UNHCR, which provides the wherewithal to settle the refugees on land given by the host country. Help is mainly in the form of self-sufficiency programs in agricultural communities, as most refugees in developing countries are from rural backgrounds.

Zollner, who was taking part in an international conference of parliamentarians here on the position of children in Africa, stressed the anguish and suspicion felt by the 2.5 mil-

lion young refugees of the continent. "Uprooted children are not often able to understand the change in their life. They feel isolated and are not able to communicate in the right way," he said.

"Refugee children have often been witness to persecution, torture and death," Zollner said. "Their families have often been split up or they themselves have been cut off from their relatives. Worst of all they must sometimes face rejection on their arrival in a coun-

try of refuge."

Even if asylum is granted, in many cases the constant fear remains that they will have to move again, he added. "Such situations engender a feeling of insecurity and instability among children," he said, "with possible terrible effects on their growth, both physical and mental."

Zollner concluded in stressing that international programs for refugee children should concentrate on food aid.

Maneka party to contest poll

NEW DELHI, Nov. 28 (R) — Maneka Gandhi, rebel daughter-in-law of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, took another step toward open political warfare with the Indian premier by announcing that her fledgling party would contest two state elections in January.

Maneka, 26, who has been attacking the way the government is run in speeches across the country, is leader of the Sanjay Vichar Manch (Sanjay ideas organization). She has

vowed to turn the group, formed to promote the ideas of her late husband, Mrs. Gandhi's younger son, into a formal political party. She said the group would contest assembly elections in the states of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh on Jan. 5.

Speaking in Chandigarh, 250 kilometers north of Delhi, Maneka told newsmen she proposed organizing her own political party because she did not agree with the policies of the others.

Peking, Delhi to resume discussions

NEW DELHI, Nov. 28 (AFP) — India and China have agreed to resume in January the third round of official talks on their frontier dispute, the Press Trust of India news agency reported. Although the exact dates of the next round have not been finalized, officials from the two sides are expected to meet some time in the middle of January in Peking, PTI said.

The Indian delegation to the talks will be

led by K.S. Bajpai, secretary (east) in the External Affairs Ministry and a former ambassador to China. Bajpai was involved in the earlier two rounds of talks.

While both countries agree that the talks are a key for improving Sino-Indian relations, they ended the last round in New Delhi last May with diverging views concerning every sector of the 3,862-kilometer border.

India building satellite launch vehicle

NEW DELHI, Nov. 28 (AFP) — India has begun work on a \$333 million Polar satellite launch vehicle at the Space Research Organization in Trivandrum, southern India, the Press Trust of India said Sunday.

The satellite will take about five years to build and will probably be launched from the east coast of Sriharikota in 1987, PTI said quoting an official of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Center.

The official said almost all the components of the satellite, except for some sophisticated electronic equipment, would be locally built.

About 1,400 scientists, engineers and technicians would be involved in the project, which is aimed at putting a 100 kilo (2,200 pound) remote-sensing satellite into space 900 kms (500 miles) above the earth, PTI said.

Soviet peace group criticizes Tass

MOSCOW, Nov. 28 (R) — Unofficial Moscow peace group Sunday hit back at a commentary by the official Tass news agency which described its members as "renegades and criminals" working for Western secret services.

The attack by Tass on Friday described the self-styled "group of trust," which says it is trying to work outside official channels for greater Soviet-American understanding, as

"a handful of swindlers who do not represent anyone."

A statement from the group, telephoned to Western correspondents, said the Tass allegations were lies and "a flow of hatred." It said the peace group, which has been harassed by the authorities since it was formed in June, was standing firm against the attack on it by the state-run media.

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Wildcats do Bruins a good turn in College Football

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 (AP) — Georgia finished the only perfect season among major names in U.S. College Football Saturday with a 38-18 whipping of arch rivals Georgia Tech, setting up a Sugar Bowl matchup with No. 2 Penn State for the National championship.

Meanwhile, sixth-ranked Arizona State was knocked out of a Rose Bowl berth in a shocking turn of developments. The UCLA Bruins backed into the Rose Bowl against

Georgia extended the nation's longest winning streak to 11 games.

Tech, behind back Robert Lavette, who ran for 203 yards, dominated the game until the bulldogs three touchdowns, including two following yellow jacket turnovers.

Tailback Herschel Walker, who scored on a 59-yard run on Georgia's first possession, finished with 162 yards on 27 carries, lifting his season total to 1,752 and his career total to 5,259. He moved into third place on the all-time NCAA rushing list ahead of former Ohio State star Archie Griffin.

In games involving unranked schools, Auburn beat Alabama for the first time since 1972, 23-22. Vanderbilt clipped Tennessee 28-21, and Memphis State snapped the nation's longest losing streak at 17 games with a 12-0 victory over Arkansas State.

Tailback Michael Harper scored the second of his two touchdowns on a 1-yard dive with 48 seconds remaining to successfully complete John Robinson's coaching career at USC. The Trojans trailed the entire game but marched 51 yards to the winning touchdown.

Robinson, 47, announced last Tuesday that he was resigning after seven seasons to become senior vice president for University Relations at Southern Cal. Robinson's teams had a record of 67-14-2 and were 6-1 against Notre Dame.

Bo Jackson dived over from the 1 on the fourth down with only 2:26 left to play for Auburn.



Willis... bags 5 for 66

Score-board

ENGLAND (last innings):	219
ALBERTA (last innings):	162
R. Willis b Willis	1
J. Dyson b Botham	70
A. Border c Randall b Willis	53
G. Chappell run out	9
K. Hughes c Taylor b Botham	28
D. Hooley c Taylor b Miller	11
R. Marsh c Taylor b Botham	53
B. Yardley c Tavaré b Willis	6
C. Lawson c Hemmings b Willis	4
C. Rackemann b Willis	18
J. Thomson not out	341
Extras	17
Total	7-271, 8-310, 9-332
Bowling: Willis 29-4-36-5; Botham 22-1-105-3; Cowans 6-0-36-0; Hemmings 33-3-6-81-0; Miller 19-4-35-1.	
ENGLAND (2nd innings):	13
C. Tavaré c Marsh b Lawson	31
G. Fowler batting	5
D. Gower batting	22
Extras	71
Total (for one wk.)	
Fall of wickets: 1-54, 7-271, 8-310, 9-332.	
Bowling: Lawson 9-3-17-1; Rackemann 9-2-23-0; Thomson 7-4-3-9-0; Yardley 2-2-0-0.	

Black Hawks fly past Nordiques

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 — Al Secord broke a 1-1 deadlock with his 20th goal of the season early in the second period to give the Chicago Black Hawks a 3-1 victory over the Quebec Nordiques in a National Hockey League game Saturday night.

In other matches, slump-ridden Ron Duguay scored two goals and Ed Mio registered his first NHL shutout in nearly three years as the New York Rangers defeated the New York Islanders 3-0.

Rookie goalie Pelle Lindbergh recorded his first shutout while leading the Philadelphia Flyers to a 4-0 win over Los Angeles and extending their unbeaten streak against the Kings to 31 games.

Ray Bourque, Barry Pederson and Peter McNab scored two goals each to lead the Boston Bruins to an 8-0 victory over the Hartford Whalers.

Despite fielding lapses

Aussies have England in a tight spot

BRISBANE, Australia, Nov. 28 (AP) — England's batsmen, boosted by three dropped catches, were still left struggling to save the second cricket Test against Australia at the Brisbane Cricket Ground here Sunday.

When play ended early because of bad light, England had reached 71 for one wicket in their second venture and the tourists still trailed by 1 with two days play remaining.

England's position would have been much worse. Graeme Fowler, who is batting 31, was dropped at 21 in a juggling attempt by Hughes which a diving David Hughes just failed to save. Then David Gower, not out on 5, was put down by Bruce Yardley in the gully from a straight forward chest high catch when just three.

Fowler also escaped when he was caught off a no ball from Lawson, one of the 19 sent down in their 25 overs by the Australian pace trio. Earlier, Australia's new batting star

Kepler Wessels carried his overnight 105 to 162 and nearly carried his bat through. He was the last man to be dismissed when bowled by Bob Willis.

Wessels batted for more than 7½ hours in a determined display that held the Australian innings together after it had threatened to collapse at several stages.

His innings included 17 fours and the former South African left-hander said later it was the hardest century he had ever endured.

Australia's No. 8, Bruce Yardley, shared second top score with Greg Chappell when he reached 53 and the Australian innings ended at 341 with a lead of 122. Bob Willis, England's fast bowling captain, was the tourists' main strike force and he took the four wickets that fell Sunday to wrap up the Australian innings.

Willis' figures of five for 66 from 29.4 hos-

tile overs was easily the most impressive although Ian Botham at times swung the ball disconcertingly and he finished with three for 105. Geoff Miller, the off spinner, was England's other wicket-taker with one for 35 from 19.3 economical overs.

England's second innings edged to 54 before first Test stayput Chris Tavare was caught by keeper Rod Marsh off the bowling of Geoff Lawson. Lawson could not find the same line and length with which he wrecked England's first innings and it was young Carl Rackemann, who had the England batsmen defending grimly.

Rackemann's nine overs did not produce a wicket, but he had both Tavare and Fowler dropped in a complete reversal of fielding form after a superb first innings display that saw the Australians hold some almost unbelievable chances.

Irked Holmes seeks new promoter

HOUSTON, Texas, Nov. 28 (AP) — Larry Holmes, angry at Don King, said Saturday his next fight could be for another promoter. The World Boxing Council heavyweight champion said King asked him to take another pay cut following Holmes' one-sided decision over Randy "Tex" Cobb Friday night at the Astrodome.

Holmes' purse already had been reduced from \$2.1 million to \$1.6 million because the fight was televised Friday night instead of Monday night, a better ratings night.

King said Cobb's pay was trimmed from \$700,000 to \$500,000 for the same reason, but Cobb said his money was cut because King accused him of breaching his contract by arriving late in Houston.

"He got all mad because I wouldn't give him a couple of hundred thousand dollar," Holmes said. "King belittled me. I'm tired of being embarrassed. He always wants to reduce the pay."

Holmes said King made the request at a victory party and the champion said he left the celebration immediately. He also said he was going to call promoter Bob Arum, King's archrival.

"He forgets people who stuck with him all his life," Holmes said. "He didn't do a thing for me. I did it all for him. I know what I've done for boxing, and I know what I've done for a certain promoter. I've shown loyalty and respect and most fighters don't do that. They have gone where the money is. I gave Gerry Cooney parity because a certain promoter wanted to make a fight."

King, meanwhile, said he was upset because Holmes had talked to the media. "Before I had a chance to talk with him," King has promoted all of Holmes' fights since the bout with Kevin Isaac on Nov. 28, 1973, which was Holmes' seventh pro fight. Holmes' record now is 41-0.

Holmes said his purse for the Isaac fight

was \$200 "and got \$150." The 33-year-old champion said he wanted to fight again in March, but did not name an opponent. However, Lucien Rodriguez of France has been mentioned as Holmes' next challenger.

As for how long he will continue to fight, he said, "Once more, twice more, three times more ... you know how fighters are." Holmes praised Cobb while taking verbal jabs at Cooney, whom he stopped in the 13th round of a major-money bout June 11.

"The guy you all predicted would beat me, I knocked out in the 13th round," said Holmes. "Cobb went 15 rounds. He was determined not to fall, not to be stopped."

Most of an estimated crowd of 9,000 in the 55,000-seat Astrodome roared for Cobb, a native Texan, and booed Holmes when the champion backed away and didn't throw any

Orono sends Kim reeling

SEOUL, Nov. 28 (R) — Venezuelan Rafael Orono Sunday made good his boast that he would regain his World Boxing Council super-flyweight title from South Korean Kim Chul-ho.

Orono, who lost his crown to Kim in January last year, was always the master in a one-sided fight and American referee Rudy Ortega called a halt in the sixth round after the South Korean had been floored for the third time.

Orono said later: "I told you all I would re-capture my title. I have waited for it for the past 20 months. Kim was no match for me." Few would argue with that. Two punishing blows to Kim's face in the opening seconds set the pattern of the fight and the South Korean, making his sixth defense of the title, was constantly on the retreat.

A right hand to the head sent him down for the first time in the fifth round and following an a barrage from Orono he again hit the

canvas. The end came in the next round after the champion had been floored by another flurry of blows. Kim struggled to his feet with the aid of the ropes but referee Ortega decided he had taken enough punishment.

Meanwhile, American Kenny Bogner may have earned a shot at the light-weight boxing championship by scoring a unanimous points decision over countryman Gonzalo Montellano in a 10-round bout in Atlantic City Saturday.

Bogner, rated the No. 8 contender by the World Boxing Association (WBA), raised his record to 21 wins against one loss and one draw. Montellano, ranked sixth by the WBA, dropped to 35-2-2.

WBA light-weight champion Ray Mancini, whose last defense resulted in the tragic death of South Korean Duk Koo Kim, watched from ringside and said he was considering Bogner as his next opponent.

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Just in time

To give Malaysia sprint gold after 12 years

Pit crowned fastest Asian

By John Crasto
Special to Arab News

NEW DELHI, Nov. 28 — Malaysia's Rabuan Pit shot like a bullet from the blocks. Not a hope for anyone to overtake him. He became Asia's fastest from a field of the best in the continent.

You could call it irony, miracle or whatever you want. Can you imagine that Pit did not want to run this 100 meters race. The tendon in his right leg was hurting. He was hoping for a bronze.

But he ran away with the gold — the first medal for his country in the Games. The sprint title had come to Malaysia after 12 years. Jagathesan had won the 100 in 1966.

Pit is a stocky but powerfully built police inspector. Basically he is a 200 and 400-meter man. When he trained for these Games

in Australia he showed amazing speed. That made him switch to the shorter sprint. "I did not want to run because my leg was full of pain", Pit said. "I did a light warm-up for relief. That helped." A good start was certainly all the lift he needed.

That's how it goes in sport, you have to be good basically. Sometimes luck goes your way. Sometimes not as was what happened to Thailand's title-holder, Suchart Jaesuraparp. He had 10.5 in the heats, he was a cinch for the fastest man's crown.

But he got stuck on the blocks. Suchart struggled as Pit, traveled with relaxed rhythm. But the leg did have a say — 10.68 was the poorest timing in the last six Asias.

An achievement for posterity to reveal over. Japan's Murofushi Shingenobu won the hammer throw for the fourth time in suc-

cession. That in itself was a great achievement. But to break his own record with a toss of 71.14 meters added special luster to his effort.

There were only two Asian Games records bettered Sunday. The first was from Murofushi. Late in the afternoon China's Liao Wenfen leapt to 6.41 meters for a new mark. She bettered the record of her compatriot, Xiao who holds the Asian all-time record of 6.44 meters.

Probably the most disappointed performer was India's Mercy Mathews Kuttan. She looked the best bet for the gold, she was in the lead with 6.26 until Liao Wenfen cleared 6.41 at her fifth attempt. But it was a foul jump. Again she came up with another good jump. The same old story, her jump was a foul for the second time.

Japan's hurdlers are the best here. They had won the 110 meters hurdles Saturday. They won the 400 meters hurdles Sunday. Takashi Nagao fought a duel with teammate Omori Shigendri before winning the gold medal in 50.6 seconds. Omori was two-tenths of a second behind. Bahrain's Ahmed Jassim Hamda won the bronze.

Meanwhile, women's sprint champion Lydia De Vega of the Philippines withdrew from her favorite event, the 200 meters, with a leg injury.

The 17-year-old Philippines' sensation said she had a strained muscle in her right thigh from the winning run. Lydia, glamor athlete of the Games, watched with red eyes the qualifying races for the 200 meters final from the spectators stand. "I cried so much because the 200 meters is my favorite event," she said. "But maybe there will be another Games, another chance," she added.

Lydia's withdrawal leaves the field clear for India's P.T. Usha, silver medalist in the 100 meters. However, the Indian sprinter also is slightly injured, pulling a muscle when she fell in the heats of the 100 meters.

Kuwait cheered, Iran jeered in lackluster soccer tussle

By our Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Nov. 28 — Kuwait got the cheers in Asian Games soccer Sunday. Iran got defeat and jeers. One goal decided this quarterfinal clash where excitement was restricted to extra time.

Iran lost many friends here. They displayed needless tantrums, they jostled referee Melwyn D'Souza for no apparent reason. But for security at the Jawahar Lal Stadium unpleasant incidents could have occurred.

Iran should have been unhappy about their own play rather than harass the referee and look daggers at the linesmen. Had Iran instead played the forceful soccer they did in the latter part of extra-time there may have been another story to relate here. But as matters transpired they were not able to deliver. The methodical Kuwaitis won the day a meeting with defending champions North Korea.

Weaving patterns without exciting action seldom has much appeal. Kuwait made the moves but the Iran defense gave little away. As a result this match did not rise to expectations. Play bordered on the fringe of boredom. But for the excitement in extra-time there was hardly anything in this match to shout about.

Kuwait were the favorites. A big crowd turned out to watch them play soccer the controlled way. Their good play, their joyous spirit has won them many friends here. All were waiting endlessly for that breakthrough which never came till extra-time. They were searching, Iran put up the road blocks. It was so dull.

There was a flash of excitement when Mahbob made a neat header off a Youssef measured center, soon after the interval. But the ball went wide. Youssef himself came up with one of those sizzling angulars which also went wide. Those were the only tries from Kuwait whose mobility and control was exercised in exacting proportions.

In a long-drawn battle

Vitas stuns Vilas for title

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Nov. 28 (Agencies) — American Vitas Gerulaitis defeated top-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina in four sets Sunday to win the South African Open Tennis Tournament.

Gerulaitis won the first set tiebreaker 7-3 and then again won another tiebreaker decision (7-1) in the fourth before recording a 7-6, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 victory over the Argentine. France makes it 3-1.

Meanwhile, France finally opened their account in the Davis Cup final against the United States Sunday when Yannick Noah defeated Gene Mayer 6-1, 6-0 in the first of the reverse singles at Grenoble. That made the overall score 3-1 for the U.S., who have already made sure of retaining the Cup after Saturday's doubles win.

The match was played over the best of three sets as the Cup was already safely in American hands. Nevertheless a capacity 15,000 crowd filled the Grenoble Sports Palace for the occasion. Noah, the French No. 1 and world No. 9 was quickly into his stride against Mayer the No. 2 American and world No. 6.

The crowd whistled their disapproval as the match was over in a rapid 50 minutes, but Mayer was quick to counter any suggestions he has thrown the tie. "Yannick was at home in front of his home crowd and he was encouraged to play really well. It's a big let-down to have to play the last two matches after winning the Cup, but let's get one thing clear — I have never, ever thrown a match in my life," he said.

Connors pulls out

Jimmy Connors, until recently the world's top-ranked player, will not play in the Americas-Europe tennis match in Barcelona next week, the organizers said. Connors has withdrawn from the three-day event starting Monday because of a back injury and has been advised rest for two weeks.

Scott Hoch tops

TOKYO, (R) — Half Iced, a 31-1 outside upstaged two of the world's leading thoroughbreds. John Henry and April Run, to win the 152.2 million yen (\$600,000) Japan Cup race here Saturday. The three-year-old American colt, ridden by Canadian jockey Donald MacBeth, spurred clear in the closing stages of the 2,400 meter race to beat All Along, a three-year-old French filly in an all-Asian, a four-year-old mare ridden by American jockey Cash Asmussen, was third a further neck back.

IBUSUKI, Japan, (AP) — Scott Hoch, this year's New Orleans Open champion, surged to his second major golf title in Japan in two weeks Sunday with a come-from-behind one-stroke victory in the \$245,280 Casio World Open golf tournament. The 26-year-old American fired a final round 70 for a six-under-par total of 282, one stroke up on third round leader Tsuneyuki Nakajima of Japan.

Iran too did hardly anything noteworthy. Abbas Ali Abadi was their main striker, who was constantly falling in the penalty area in the hope of getting a spot-kick. When he really had the chance to shoot at goal he banged wide from close. That was Iran's only but near certain chance. Their attack was hardly incisive.

All were resigned for another 30 minutes of monotony. But Kuwait came up with the unexpected. So many fruitless forays had lulled the Iranian defense into fractional complacency. At that moment Kuwait struck, eight minutes into the extra period.

Youssef placed his free-kick well within range of Moazid, who popped up for a perfect header into goal. That sparked off so much excitement. Iran for once forced the pace. But Kuwait missed twice. Karam's angular shot hit the near upright and Anbary drove across an open goalmouth.

Asian Games at a glance

100 m: 1. Rabuan Pit (Malaysia), 2. Jao Kuan Jung (South Korea), 3. Suchart Jaesuraparp (Thailand). Time: 10.68.

400 m hurdles: 1. Takashi Nagao (Japan), 2. Shigeru Omori (Japan), 3. Ahmed Jassim Hamda (Bahrain). Time: 50.60.

100 m hurdles: 1. Shigeru Omori (Japan), 2. Masayuki Kawata (Japan), 3. Xie Yuxi (China). Distance: 71.14 meters (Asian record).

Long jump: 1. Liao Wenfen (China), 2. Mercy Mathews (India), 3. Li Boleun (China). Distance: 6.41 meters (Asian record).

Springboard diving: 1. Li Yimin (China), 2. Yan Shuping (China), 3. Yoshino Mabuchi (Japan). Points: 592.80 (Asian record).

Rapid fire pistol (women): 1. China, 2. North Korea, 3. South Korea. Points: 2354.

Rapid fire pistol (men): 1. Sogun Mina (North Korea), 2. Park Jong Gil (South Korea), 3. Nguyen

Chong Quoc (Vietnam). Points: 594.

110 m: 1. Ahn Kyo Jack (South Korea), 2. Pak Bong Jun (North Korea), 3. Tara Singh (India). Total: 350 kg (Asian record).

Cycling: 100 m road race: 1. Park Kyong-Se (South Korea), 2. Todoroshko Gueorgi (Bulgaria), 3. Ali Zangi Abadi (Iran). Time: 4:30-48.34.

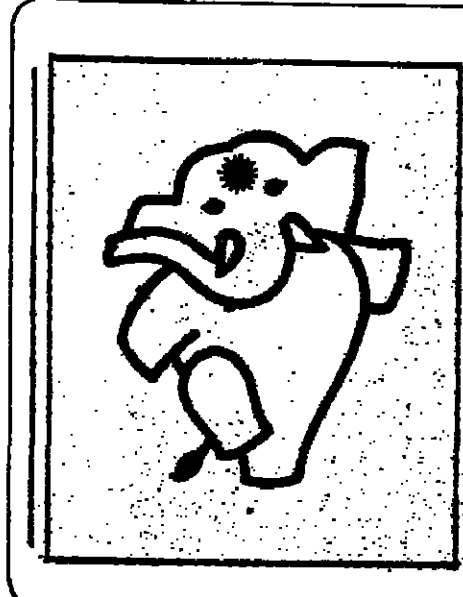
Baseball: 1. China (Hui Jian, Luan Jin, Sun Zhian, Sun Xinglin, Lin Hengli and Chen Changli), 2. Indonesia, 3. India and South Korea.

Handball: Saudi Arabia 34, UAE 28 (for 5th place) Bahrain 31, India 16.

Hockey: South Korea, 3. China 1 (for 5th place).

Water polo: India 8, Singapore 7 (for 5th place).

Badminton: Iraq 103, UAE 90, South Yemen 102, North Yemen 53.



Medals tally up to 9th day

	G	S	B
China	49	37	27
Japan	40	40	30
South Korea	16	20	24
North Korea	12	17	15
India	11	10	13
Iran	3	4	5
Philippines	2	2	7
Pakistan	2	2	7
Indonesia	1	2	7
Kuwait	1	2	1
Mongolia	1	2	0
Lebanon	1	1	0
Malaysia	1	0	1
Thailand	0	2	3
Iraq	0	1	4
Bahrain	0	0	1
Hong Kong	0	0	1
Singapore	0	0	1
Vietnam	0	0	1

Japanese swimmers poised for a rich harvest of gold

NEW DELHI, Nov. 28 (AP) — Japan turns to its swimmers again Monday in another attempt to bolster increasingly shaky hopes for a successful defense of its Asian sports crown against ambitious China at the Games.

The Japanese, who have come up short in event after event that they expected to win warmed up by smashing games records in four events in Sunday's preliminary heats. One of their swimmers, 14-year-old Kaori Yanase, already the holder of one gold medal, became the first Asian woman swimmer to crack the one-minute mark in the 100-meter freestyle, with a 58.62 timing.

On the strength of such performances, Japan was installed as the clear favorite in six of the eight swim finals. China had the edge in men's platform diving and in water polo, where it is defending champion and the final, appropriately, was a head-on clash with Japan.

Wu Zhongyuan, deputy secretary general of the all-China Sports Federation, said that China's down-to-the wire battle with Japan will be "tight."

South Korean swim coach Yoo Yun-Guym predicted that the Japanese would have "their best day" on Monday and possibly sweep all six finals. Yoo said he hoped his women's 400-meter medley relay team could win the silver. He didn't anticipate an upset despite the presence of his triple gold medalist, 15-year-old Seoul schoolgirl Choi Yoon-Hee on the backstroke leg. Japan's team turned its preliminary heat in 4:27 flat for a new Asian Games record and finished almost four seconds ahead of the Koreans.

Prior to Monday, Japan had won golds in 16 of 22 events and was sure to fall short of its 25-for-29 performance at the 1978 Games in Bangkok.

Chinese divers proved themselves invincible Sunday when 18-year-old Li Yuhua and

19-year-old Ya Shuping swept the gold and silver medals for the women's springboard diving.

Li, winner of the springboard diving at last year's Student Games in Bucharest, collected 592.80 points to win the gold medal. Her performance surpassed the Games record of 569.49 points set by China's Shi Meiqin at the last Asiad in Bangkok four years ago. Ya Shuping took the silver medal with 559.77 points. Japan's Yoshino Mabuchi grabbed the bronze with 473.34 points.

An overjoyed Li later said it was her best performance so far. Her previous best was 448 in a Chinese National meet. Coach Liang Boxi said Li had started out as a gymnast and later in switched to diving when she was 12. Divers were often selected from among the gymnasts, he added. Their earlier training helped them master diving somersaults and twists easily.

Asiad tid-bits

A major controversy has erupted over the awarding of separating medals for snatch, jerk and total lifts in the Games weightlifting events here. Games officials have held victory ceremonies for the three categories giving gold, silver and bronze medals to the winners but are unsure whether medals for snatch and jerk should be added to the overall medals tally. "We are still awaiting the approval of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) which has yet to decide whether we can count the medals for snatch and jerk," one official said.

The fifth Asian Athletic Championships will be held in Kuwait from Nov. 5-9 next year, a spokesman for the Kuwait Amateur Athletic Federation announced. Events will be held at the 50,000-seat Kazma Stadium which has a 400-meter eight-lane running track and recently-installed electronic equipment for recording and illuminating

Pakistani hockey official resigns to save situation

NEW DELHI, Nov. 28 (AFP) — The newly-elected vice-president of the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) Parveen Atif of Pakistan has resigned amid controversy over her election.

In a statement Mrs. Atif said her resignation was submitted "as a gesture of goodwill and to the cause of Asian hockey." Soon after her election Saturday, women delegates from five countries — Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, India and Japan — walked out in protest.

They contended Pakistan were not entitled to have a woman representative in the AHF as they do not compete in women's hockey outside Pakistan.

Officials from the five countries decided at a secret meeting late Saturday in the Games village to lodge a protest at Mrs. Atif's election. The AHF meeting was held to elect a new council following the merger of the Asian Hockey Federation and the Asian Women's Hockey Association. The new body has two vice-presidents, one responsible for women's hockey.

The protest was to have been sent to the AHF in three days' time, but with Mrs. Atif's resignation, the dispute now appears to be settled with the AHF council being empowered to co-opt a lady member as a vice-president.

Earlier, an Indian official said that this was unfair to the other hockey-playing nations in Asia. "A women official in the AHF would be in the interest of women hockey players in Asia. For Mrs. Atif to hold office, we feel that our interests will not be protected as she will not be able to voice our views at the AHF," said the Indian official.

South Korea was the only country competing in the women's tournament at the Asiad which did not walk out of the meeting.

Twenty-three countries have asked to play in qualifying matches to choose two teams from the Asia-Oceania region to take part in the soccer tournament of the 1984 Olympics, a spokesman for the Asian Football Confederation said. He said soccer officials of the 23 countries would meet on Tuesday to work out details of the qualifying tournament.

China retained the gold medal of the badminton men's team event, defeating Indonesia 3-2 in a repeat of the 1978 Games in Bangkok.

Top-seeded Nandan Bal of India will clash with Yustedjo Tarik of Indonesia in the lawn tennis men's singles semifinal Tuesday. The other semifinal pits South Korea's fifth-seeded Kim Choon-Ho and unseeded Liu Shuhua of China.

Despite sharing points

Hamburg grabs top spot

BONN, Nov. 28 (Agencies) — S.V. Hamburg dropped a point at home in a 1-1 draw with Kaiserslautern Saturday but still went back to the top of the West German Bundesliga after previous leaders Borussia Dortmund went down 3-0 away to Bayern Munich.

Hamburg trailed to a 67th minute Brehme goal against Kaiserslautern but Von Heesen got the equalizer seven minutes later. It was their eighth draw in the league this year but they went a point clear at the top.

Bayern's win, achieved with two goals from Karl-Hans Rummenigge and one from Dieter Hoeneß, hauled them up to third behind Cologne, who scored a decisive win away to Borussia Moenchengladbach with two goals apiece from Klaus Allofs and Pierre Littbarski.

VFB Stuttgart dropped from third to fifth after losing 1-0 away to Hertha Berlin. Only two points separate the first four with Hamburg on 22 followed by Dortmund and Cologne on 21 and Bayern on 20.

Real Madrid beaten

In the Spanish League, Barcelona, urged by a crowd of 100,000, beat league leaders Real Madrid 2-0 in the top-of-the-table clash.

Esteban, 14 minutes, and Quimi, 86 minutes, got the goals to shatter Real's unbeaten run since start of the championship.

The rest of the Spanish League program will

JBC 1 blots Garuda's pad

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 28 — Jeddah Badminton Club (JBC) 1 are flying high in the Jeddah Badminton Association Sazenger League.

But they had to conquer previously unbeaten Garuda to maintain their reign at the top.

After registering an emphatic victory over Lockheed in the second round, JBC 1 came up against stiffer opposition in Garuda, who won their first two rounds with consummate ease. In a tantalizing battle, JBC 1 managed to put it across Garuda 4-3 to extend their stay at the top for yet another week.

Two other teams maintained their unbeaten run. Abrar and Zarrail the leaders by a point and have an identical record after three rounds — six bonus points in a total of 23. Ironically both faced tough opposition in the second rounds and had a cakewalk in the next.

Abrar had quell Tretum's challenge with the doubles encounters keenly contested. The Tretum team of Ryden and Meim made King and Rahman earn every point before succumbing, and the mixed doubles, tough going Abrar's way, saw a sea-sawing battle right through. And in the next round they triumphed IAL.

Zara faced King Khaled Hospital 2 in its second round match. And they had to bring out their best. With every match closely fought out, Zara produced the decisive edge to register a 5-2 victory. And later, in the

be played Sunday.

Meanwhile, Scotland World Cup goalkeeper Alan Rough was transferred from Scottish First Division Partick Thistle to Premier League Hibernian. Rough, 31, cost the Edinburgh club 60,000 sterling (\$100,000) in a move he feels will help him earn a recall to the national side.

National team chief Jack Stein dropped the fair-haired keeper after Scotland bowed out of World Cup finals in Spain at the end of the opening series. "I have been 15 years at Firhill and they have been enjoyable. But this is a new challenge and hopefully will be good for both myself and Hibs," Rough said.

Kenya champs

Defending champion Kenya defeated Uganda 5-3 in overtime to retain the East and Central Africa Senior Challenge Cup.

The score was tied 1-1 at the end of scheduled play, forcing the Kenyan Harambee Stars and Ugandan Cranes to battle it out in overtime.

The game's first goal was scored by Kenyan inside left Wilberforce Mulumba in the 53rd minute. Ugandan center forward Issa Seekatawa equalized in the 84th minute, necessitating the overtime play.

Zimbabwe's Shacky Tauro scored all three in his side's 3-0 win over Zanzibar for third place. Tauro netted in the 57th, 64th and 68th minutes to take over as leading marksman in the tournament with five goals.

third. Zara proved too good for ACE.

King Khaled Hospital 1 are slowly getting into their groove. They won both their rounds easily. They first beat Whitaker 2 comfortably, and then took Whitaker's senior string in their stride. KAIA were the other team to notch victories in both their rounds. KAIA routed IAL with the latter scoring only one doubles win, and then scored a resounding victory over King Khaled Hospital 2.

Jeddah Badminton Club 2 encountered mixed fortunes. After a successful start in the league they came a cropper against Whitaker 1 in the second round. But the loss did not deter them in the third round. They bounced back with vigor to snatch a cliff-hanger from Lockheed with a 4-3 verdict. JBC 2 also picked up bonus points with this victory.

How they stand

	P	W	L	pts	pts	pts
JBC 1	3	3	0	18	6	24
Abrar	3	3	0	17	6	23
Zara	3	3	0	17	6	23
Garuda	3	2	1	17	4	21
KKH 1	3	2	1	16	4	20
Tretum	3	2	1	15	4	19
JBC 2	3	2	1	13	4	17
KAIA	3	2	1	13	4	17
Lockheed	3	1	2	8	2	10
Whitaker 1	3	1	2	6	2	8
ACE	3	0	3	0	0	3
KKH 2	3	0	3	0	0	3
IAL	3	0	3	0	0	3
Whitaker 2	3	0	3	0	0	3



AIRBORNE: Arsenal's Kenny Sanson (No. 31) braces above Watford's Nigel Callaghan (No. 7) to beat him to the ball in an action-packed English First Division Soccer match at Highbury, Watford, making their debut in the top flight, beat Arsenal 4-2, Saturday.

Soccer results

West Germany	1	Stuttgart	0
Kaiserslautern	3	Eintracht Brunswick	1
Moenchengladbach	1	Cologne	4
Hamburg	1	Koln	1
Bayern Munich	3	Borussia Dortmund	0
Bochum	2	Schalke	1
Eintracht Frankfurt	3	Nuremberg	0
Arsenal	1	Werder Bremen	2
Bayer Leverkusen	3	Fortuna Dusseldorf	3

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Duisburg 0 Union Berlin 0

Rein-Weiss Erfurt 1 Hansa Rostock 0

Magdeburg 0 Sachsenring Zwickau 0

Chemie Halle 2 Carl Zeiss Jena 1

Dynamo Berlin 1 Frankfurt-Oder 1

Chemie Bochum 2 Karl-Marx-Stadt 1

Austria Wacker 3 Stimmering 1

Sturm Graz 0 Wiener Sportclub 0

Austria Salzburg 1 Voest Linz 0

Niederrad 0 Austria Wien 0

Lasak 2 Union Wels 0

Vienna 0 Oak 1

Imstretsch 4 Austria Klagenfurt 1

Rapid 5 Elfenbein 1

Widzout Aue 0 Lokomotiv Leipzig 3

Duisburg 0 Union Berlin 0

Rein-Weiss Erfurt 1 Hansa Rostock 0

Magdeburg 0 Sachsenring Zwickau 0

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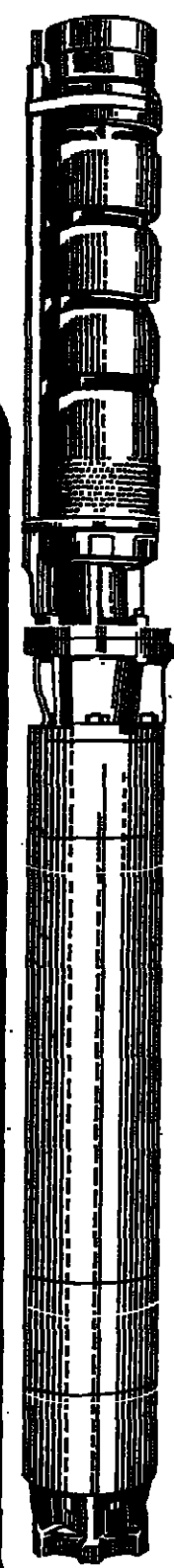
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Prior to Vienna talks

Berti hints at OPEC price, output accord

CARACAS, Nov. 28 (R) — OPEC ministers will try to iron out differences on prices and production levels in intensive contacts before their meeting in Vienna next month, Venezuela's Energy and Mines Minister Humberto Calderon Berti has said.

He told reporters Saturday several members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries had asked for a postponement of the meeting, originally scheduled for Dec. 10. "Oil ministers of some countries are going to take advantage of this additional time to make personal contacts," he said. They would meet Dec. 18 to try to hammer out a compromise. The main objective was to maintain the current price structure based on \$34 per barrel and establish mechanisms to preserve a balance between supply and demand in 1983.

OPEC ministers were due to hold the semi-annual meeting in Lagos but the venue was changed to Vienna after objections from some Gulf producers.

Calderon said: "The situation is complex

because we are interested on the one hand in preserving a healthy balance in the market and on the other there is no doubt that several OPEC countries are facing severe financial difficulties."

OPEC is producing about 20 million barrels a day, for the first time outstripped by non-OPEC producers in areas including Alaska, the North Sea and Mexico.

Some OPEC countries including Iran and Venezuela have exceeded quotas set last March but the main stumbling block has been unwillingness by African producers to widen the price differential between their light crudes.

Energy Ministry officials here said Calderon had been invited by Iranian Oil Minister Muhammad Gharazi to visit Tehran before the next OPEC meeting for consultations on the market situation. It was not immediately known if he would go.

The officials said the invitation was not necessarily in the context of both countries' high production levels. Venezuela had a traditional role in OPEC as a mediator.

U.S. drops jobless tax plan

SANTA BARBARA, Nov. 28 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has rejected a proposal to tax unemployment benefits as a means of encouraging out-of-work Americans to retrain for new jobs, the White House has said.

Reagan was reported to have reacted angrily after reading reports that the proposal was in a package of measures drawn up by his cabinet council on economic policy to reduce mounting unemployment.

Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said Reagan, in a telephone conversation with White House counselor Edwin Meese, declared: "I have seen the reports and that is not what I want to do."

Labor unions and other groups reacted strongly when Speakes disclosed Thursday that the proposal to tax all unemployment benefits was in a memorandum drawn up for the president by the cabinet council.

The White House policy group estimated that the tax would raise \$2 billion in two years to attack hard-core unemployment resulting mainly from technological advances.

Unemployment benefits at present are taxed only when a family's income reaches \$18,000 a year, or \$12,000 in the case of a single person.

The White House memorandum contained eight proposals for reducing the current 10.4 percent unemployment rate and was to be studied by the president at his ranch this

weekend.

Speakes said the president would make decisions by the time he returned to Washington off Tuesday, when he is also scheduled to begin a trip to four Latin American countries. But the proposal to tax unemployment benefits was definitely dead, he said.

Speakes said the president also would decide Tuesday whether to go ahead with a tentative idea to speed up a 10 percent tax cut due to take effect July 1. The cut is the last in a 25 percent tax reduction package begun in 1981.

EEC, Hong Kong parleys progress

HONG KONG, Nov. 28 (AFP) — The European Economic Community (EEC) has dropped demands for a full 12 percent cut in textile exports to Europe by the so-called "dominant suppliers", Hong Kong's Director of Trade Lawrence Mills said Sunday.

"There has been some movement," Mills said in a broadcast from Brussels where he is involved in talks with the EEC. He refused to give any further details on the talks as negotiations were still continuing.

The EEC has threatened to pull out of the multi-fiber arrangement if the "dominant suppliers" — Hong Kong, Macau and South Korea — did not agree to cutbacks.

Weekly commodities

Prices slide as gold falls in dull trading

LONDON, Nov. 28 (AFP) — Commodity markets showed early steadiness this week following the continuing weakness of sterling, but they eventually turned lower as gold fell back.

Trading was generally on a somewhat smaller scale in front of the United States holiday Thursday.

Concern over the sharp foreign exchange movements, with sterling having depreciated seven percent since the beginning of the month, also acted as a restraint to trade.

Coffee held firm, however, touching new two and a half year highs, while cocoa recovered from mid-week falls after news of an abortive coup in Ghana. Sugar touched four-month highs before easing back.

Lead and nickel were dull features among base metals, with prices at their lowest for four-and-a-half and three-and-a-half years respectively.

Gasoil and crude oil prices eased again because of the continuing mild weather, and the latest flare-up in the war between Iran and Iraq had a very limited impact.

Gold: Irregular. Early losses, in line with overseas markets, developed in quiet conditions. But the cut in the U.S. "Fed fund"

rate raised hopes of another drop in the U.S. discount rate, and prices responded accordingly.

Initial falls on the futures market in sympathy with the bullion market were partially recovered as interest improved and as the U.S. dollar slipped back from its firm start.

Copper: Irregular. Early gains were derived from currency factors, which more than compensated for the sharp 7,950 rise in stocks to 204,900 tons — the highest since June 1979.

Tin: Steady. The tin council's buffer stock buying support held prices around previous levels, and small losses were regained. Buffer stock manager Pieter de Koning said that export quotas on producers would remain in force over the coming months, and possibly for the coming year, at present levels, which are 36 percent below normal shipments.

Lead: Neglected. Prices failed to hold early small gains. With consumer interest remaining subdued, they eased to their lowest since February 1978 before rallying with copper in front of the weekend. Stock rose by 375 tons to 123,500 tons.

Zinc: Irregular. Stocks rose for the 12th

week in succession (up just 25 tons to 95,150 tons — the highest since December 1976). But early gains were still made. The market eased later before rallying again in unison with the others.

Silver: Easier. Prices dropped to a six-week low with gold, registering falls of up to 45 pence an ounce (seven percent) before some recovery was made. Stocks moved 1,350,000 ounces higher to 34,030,000 ounces as the previous week's big withdrawal was partially replaced.

Aluminium: Irregular. Very active trading developed, with heavy selling swallowing up early gains despite latest figures from the International Primary Aluminium Institute showing that October's daily output among Western world producers was the lowest since 1976.

Nickel: Neglected. Prices dropped to their lowest since trading started on the LME in April 1979.

Other Metals: Platinum followed gold, closing at \$345.25 (against \$353.3) or 219.60 (against 218.90) pounds an ounce. Wolfram eased to a new ten-year low of \$8488 a metric ton unit of ten kilos. Antimony was down to \$1,925/2,025

Japan to draw hard line on trade issue

TOKYO, Nov. 28 (R) — Newly-appointed Japanese Minister of International Trade Sadao Yamanaka indicated, Japan might take a hard line of forthcoming trade talks here with the United States.

His comments came as the international conference in Geneva on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) seemed close to collapse with recession-hit nations failing to agree on lifting trade curbs.

Yamanaka told reporters after the first meeting of the Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone's new cabinet: "It's not good for Japan to be always made a sacrificial victim in trade." Japan should clarify its position, he said.

Japan and the United States will hold a trade sub-committee meeting Dec. 3 and 4 and sub-cabinet level talks on Dec. 6 and 7 in Tokyo. America has been pressing Japan to cut its trade surplus with the U.S.

Yamanaka said Japan's domestic industries were over-dependent on government relief and should adopt a spirit of self-reliance. He stressed the need for tax cuts to boost consumption and pull Japan out of the recession.



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Brazil seeking \$ 6b IMF loan

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 28 (R) — Brazil has announced it is seeking aid from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to avoid defaulting on its estimated \$85 billion foreign debts.

Finance Minister Ernane Galveas told reporters that negotiations to obtain almost \$6 billion in IMF loans over three years would begin next Monday. If the aid is provided, IMF officials will monitor the Brazilian economy up to 1986 to ensure the government implements policies approved by the fund.

The finance minister's announcement came as no surprise to bankers and economists, who have said for several weeks they saw no way for Brazil to avoid recourse to the IMF.

Government officials had seemed confident they could go on rolling over the debt and spread repayment over a manageable period. Brazil is one of the top ten world economies and its per capita debts are far smaller than those of countries like Ireland.

But the situation changed in August when Mexico defaulted on its \$88 billion debt, frightening away small and medium-sized banks, especially in the United States, from lending to developing countries.

Taipei team goes on oil buying trip

TAIPEI, Nov. 28 (CNA) — The Chinese Petroleum Corporation (CPC) of the Republic of China is planning to purchase crude oil and natural gas needed for local consumption in 1983.

A spokesman for the CPC said the total amount of crude the company will buy is expected to remain the same as this year: about 300,000 barrels per day.

A four-member procurement mission, led by Y.S. Chen, president of the CPC, left Taipei recently for a two-week shopping trip. The mission will visit Singapore, Indonesia, the United States and Middle East oil producing countries to negotiate with suppliers.

The spokesman pointed out that a contract between CPC and a supplier in Saudi Arabia will be renewed at the end of this year. The total amount of purchase under the agreement is expected to remain 50,000 barrels per day. However, CPC may ask for supply of more light crude and fewer heavy crude.

As for natural gas, the spokesman said the company will import 150,000 metric tons from Saudi Arabia and 80,000 metric tons from France to meet the local need.

India, Vietnam sign loan accord

BANGKOK, (AFP) — India has pledged to extend a long-term loan to Vietnam to help improve its railway service and textile industry, the Vietnam News Agency (VNA) said in a report monitored here.

VNA gave no figures but said the loan agreement was signed in Hanoi by Le Hoang, deputy director-general of the Vietnamese State Bank and Indian Ambassador Kuldip Sandov.

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Facing gloomy outlook

EEC to debate economic crisis

BRUSSELS, Nov. 28 (R) — European Community leaders will this week discuss a warning that Western Europe's economic crisis has reached a point of exceptional gravity with little or no prospect of any return in 1983.

A European Commission report says its most recent forecast of 1.1 percent economic growth next year may now prove over-optimistic. Bankruptcies and unemployment will continue to soar as community nations enter their fourth consecutive year of recession, it says.

The report, which heads of government study at talks in Copenhagen on Friday, calls for strong remedies. It says although Britain, West Germany and the Netherlands can afford to cut the cost of borrowing further, give their beleaguered industries some relief, most other governments must take stronger action to curb public spending, end wage indexation schemes and reduce inflation.

Community officials say recent interest rate falls on both sides of the Atlantic have done little to dispel West Europe's economic gloom because real interest rates and thus the cost of new investment and jobs remain too high to boost recovery.

Industrial output figures show a further fall since mid-1982 while surveys of business people's expectations show little prospect of an upsurge in job-creating investments.

The report calls for action to cure deep structural weaknesses in the community economy combined with greater cooperation with the United States and Japan to end the

world trade recession.

In particular it advocates fresh efforts to agree with Washington and Tokyo on smoothing out interest and exchange rate fluctuations.

The officials say community governments are still worried that a rising U.S. budget deficit, putting renewed pressure on borrowing costs could extinguish hopes of ending the world trade recession.

The report says the one bright spot in an otherwise dismal picture is that inflation is expected to slow down in 1983, from 10.7 percent in the past 12 months to 8.8 percent.

Global recession hits Thailand

BANGKOK, Nov. 28 (R) — Developing producer countries like Thailand, whose main exports are food and textiles, are finding that the world recession for them means that even though they are producing more they are earning less.

Thailand, one of the largest Third World food exporters, has watched the prices of its produce tumble as the nations of the West tighten their belts.

Textiles, its biggest manufactured export, have also been hit both by sluggish demand and Western import quotas. "This means that this year will be one of the worst in the history of modern Thailand," said Nimit Nontaputhwat, chief economist of the Bangkok Bank.

"The irony is that agricultural output is actually up. Our farmers are producing more

for less and the markets for our exports of manufactured goods are in the grip of recession."

Rice exports, the country's biggest foreign exchange earner, are expected to rise by about 13 percent this year yet earnings will drop by two percent, according to the board of trade. The position is similar for many other crops, like sugar and maize.

For the first time in 20 years, economic growth will be below five percent this year, said Nontaputhwat, and growth next year will be unlikely to exceed six percent.

His forecast is shared by many other private economists and businessmen who put this year's real gross domestic product growth in the range of 4.5 to 4.9 percent compared with 5.7 percent in 1981.

Despite the apparent instability of its military-dominated internal politics and problems arising from the upheaval in neighboring Communist Indochina, Thailand's largely free market economy has prospered on the back of commodities like rice, tapioca, maize, rubber, sugar and tin.

But economists say that this year not only have prices of most commodities collapsed but also manufacturing industry has been unable to offset the impact by boosting exports. Businessmen and government officials, however, believe the economy is basically sound and resilient.

"We may only achieve 5 percent growth this year but that is good if not better than many of our competitors," a commerce ministry official said. "Our exports are spread more evenly across a wide range of goods than those of countries like Malaysia or Indonesia which have been hit by the slump in oil and commodity prices," he said.

OPEC may cut aid to Third World

KUWAIT, Nov. 28 (AFP) — A top official of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) warned Saturday that it could not continue giving developing nations large sums of money while OPEC member nations' financial situations failed to improve.

OPEC this year gave them \$497 million, Ibrahim Chebata, head of OPEC's fund for International Development told the Kuwaiti news agency Kuna.

It was the largest such sum from OPEC since 1976 and represented 10 times the amount of money provided for the same cause by industrialized nations, he said. But the 13 OPEC nations now had fallen on "difficult" times, as had other Third World countries, Chebata said.

The organization also gave loans worth \$430 million for agricultural development.

Fifty-two percent of all OPEC loans to developing nations went to African countries, 46 percent to Asia, and the remainder to Latin America, according to the official.

IMF sets Peking's reserves at \$ 7.1b

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AFP) — Press reports that China has become a major lender on the Eurodollar market were greeted with reserve by international banking sources here.

International Monetary Fund statistics confirm that China's gold and currency reserves have been building up over the past year.

The IMF's latest statistics reveal that Peking's gold and currency reserves reached \$7.1 billion in mid-1982, up from \$4.7 billion in the last quarter of 1981 and \$2.4 billion at the end of 1980.

But the current balance represents no more than five months of imports — comfortable, in the eyes of financial experts, but not startling. According to the IMF figures, China's imports last year totaled \$33.7 billion on free on board basis, against exports of \$36.7 billion.

During the IMF's annual meeting in Toronto in September, Peking stressed that its new policies had allowed it to correct the economy's "former imbalances".

Financial Roundup

Riyal rates suffer setback

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Nov. 28 — With the European markets closed Sunday, the local markets were relatively quiet with trading concentrating in short end deposit levels and some small position covering on the exchanges. Most of the Bahrain based OBU's — offshore banking units — had closed for business by early morning and their local counterparts also left early. This reluctance to enter into any new meaningful transactions was not surprising considering that the exchanges and money markets had closed on a volatile note in both Europe and New York on Friday.

The dollar had come under pressure and has lost most ground against the German mark and the yen, but even the recent "weaker" currencies such as the French franc and Belgian franc had recovered some ground.

In the money markets, the feeling was that the Federal Reserve Board would reduce its discount rate again this coming

week in the face of gloomy economic statistics coming out of the U.S. This has tended to depress interest rates over the weekend and the trend could very well continue.

In the local markets, rial deposit rates opened at lower levels compared to similar tenors a week ago. The one-month JIBOR was quoted at 8 1/2-9 percent but fell back to 8 1/4-8 1/2 percent by close of business, while the week-fixed rate fell back to 7 1/4-8 percent in this trading.

The longer tenors also fell back to take the one-year rate to 9 1/2-10 percent compared to 9 1/4-10 1/4 percent only on last Thursday. Jeddah dealers said that liquidity was now found much easier in the market and that if the dollar also continues weaker in the next few days, then rial rates could see further falls.

In the local exchanges, spot rial-dollar rates remained lethargic at around 3.4400-03 — the lowest for the past two weeks, with most activity being generated through commercial demand.

France hopes to hike India trade

NEW DELHI, Nov. 28 (R) — France hopes to clinch new trade deals with India after the two countries settled differences over French nuclear fuel supplies for a U.S.-built atomic power plant.

Mitterrand arrived from Cairo on a four-day visit Saturday with a high-powered team including External Affairs Minister Claude Cheysson and Foreign Trade Minister Michel Jobert.

A cloud over relations was lifted only hours before the visit began when France agreed to replace the United States as the supplier of enriched uranium to the Tarapur power plant north of Bombay. Agreement had been held up because of earlier French insistence on stringent international safeguards.

Mitterrand met Prime Minister Indira Gandhi shortly after his arrival. He was due to spend Sunday sight-seeing at the Taj Mahal, 200 km (120 miles) south of the Indian capital, before further talks Monday.

French Ambassador Andre Ross said the nuclear fuel would now be supplied under the terms of the original 30-year 1963 agreement between India and the United States without further safeguards.

The United States stopped uranium

exports to India in 1978 after New Delhi refused U.S. demands for the regular inspection of all its nuclear sites.

France agreed in principle to take over as supplier after Mrs. Gandhi visited President Reagan in Washington this summer. The uranium deal is one of several expected to emerge from Mitterrand's visit.

Japan firm halts video sales to France

TOKYO, Nov. 28 (AFP) — Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., a major Japanese maker of videotape recorders (VTR's), has stopped shipping VTR's to France for November and December because of what it described this weekend as French de facto import restrictions.

The company has taken the move as VTR's shipped to France recently are still piled up in customs in the central town of Poitiers, because of delays in clearance, the Kyodo News Service said quoting a Matsushita spokesman.

The delay reportedly resulted from France's recent decision requiring all imported VTR's to pass through Poitiers.

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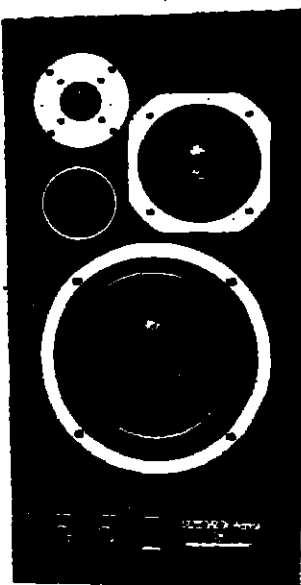
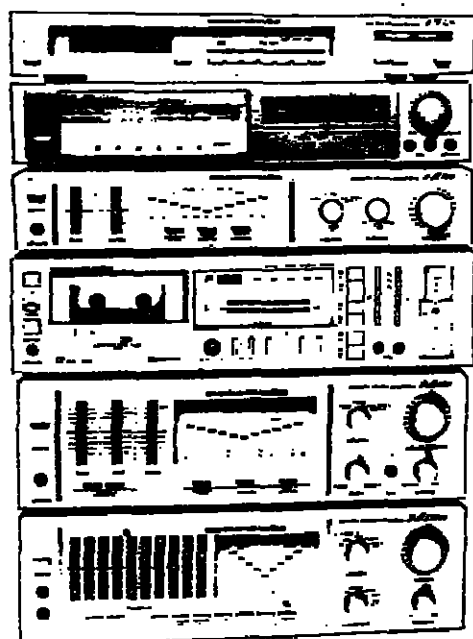
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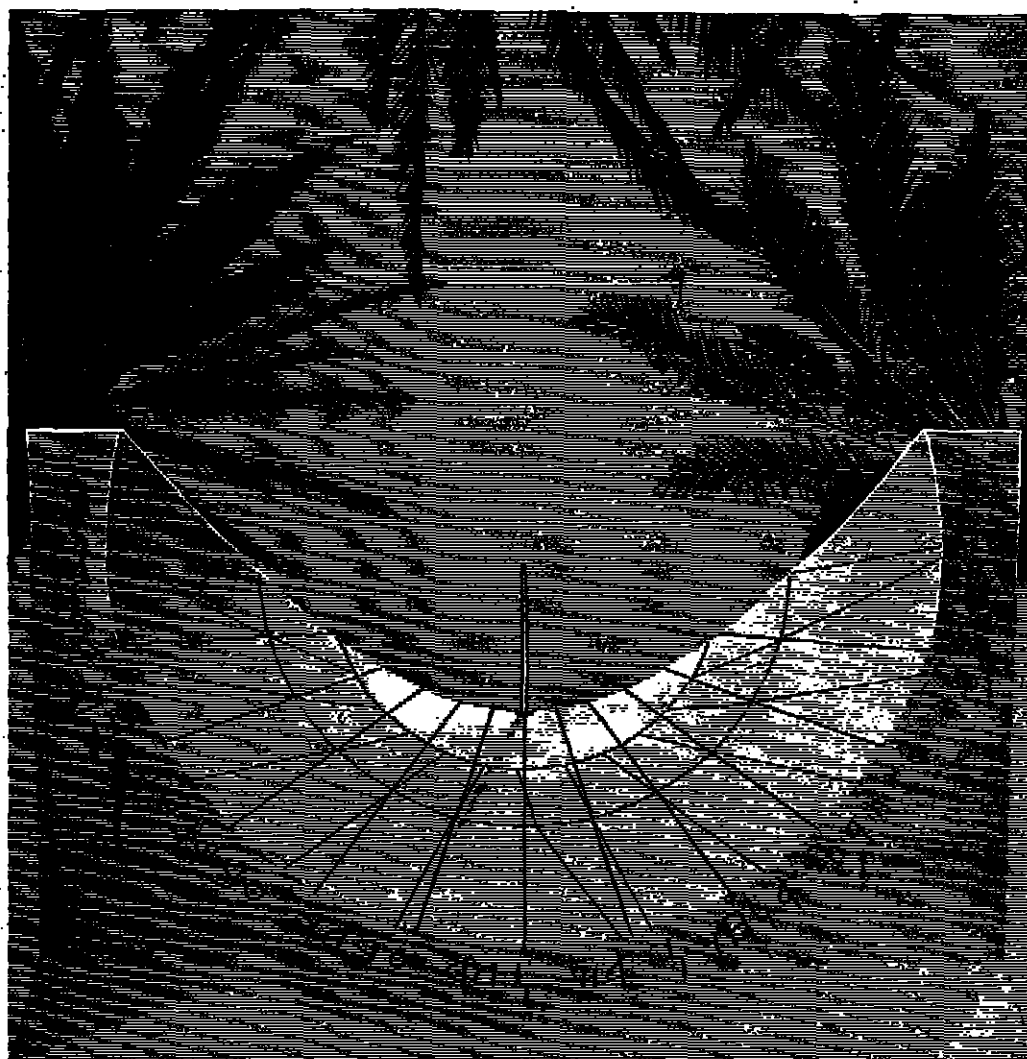


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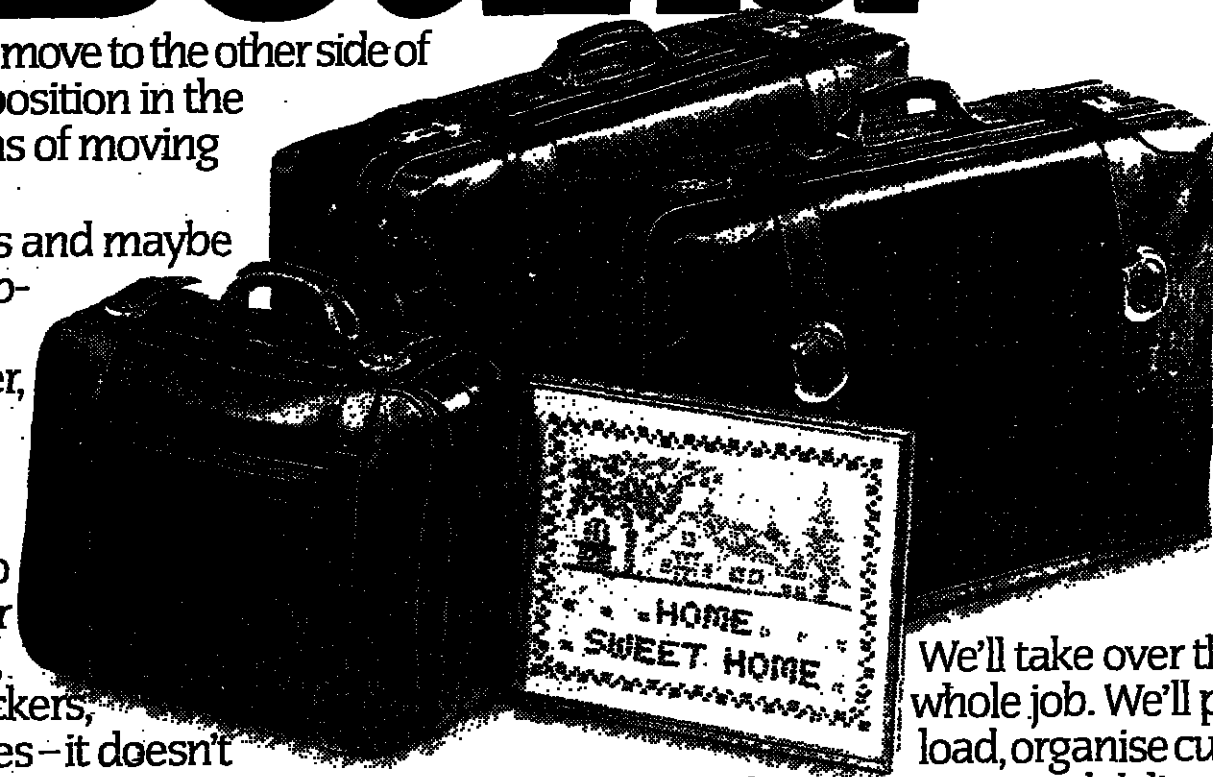
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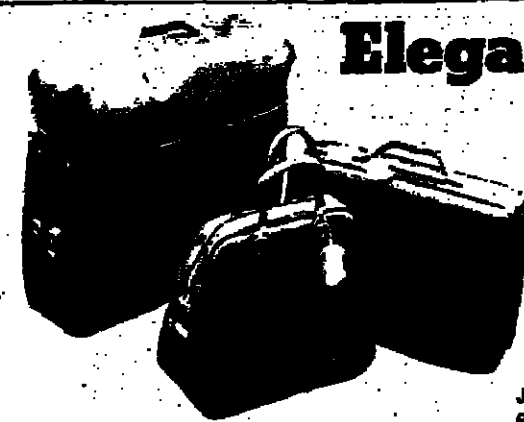
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In absence of agreement

NATO to reaffirm decision on missiles

BRUSSELS, Nov. 28 (R) — NATO defense ministers will this week reiterate the need to start deploying Pershing-2 and Cruise missiles by the end of next year if there is no arms control agreement with the Soviet Union by then, diplomats said. The defense ministers are holding their regular autumn meeting here, confronted with a growing anti-nuclear weapons campaign that has spread to the United States.

They are preparing for a test of nerves with the new Soviet leadership which they expect will step up efforts to prevent deployment of the new American missiles in Western Europe.

The new Soviet party chief, Yuri Andropov, has already urged the West to delay deployment while the U.S.-Soviet talks to limit medium-range nuclear missiles, which have been going on for a year, continue in Geneva. He made the plea when he met West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher at President Brezhnev's

Fanfani forms cabinet today

ROME, Nov. 28 (AP) — Premier-designate Amintore Fanfani on Sunday presented President Sandro Pertini with a blueprint to form Italy's 43rd postwar government by Monday.

But Fanfani's plan to revive the five-party coalition that collapsed two weeks ago seemed in peril because of objections from the Republicans to his austerity-minded economic program.

Political analysts said the 74-year-old Christian Democrat and president of the Senate hopes to persuade the tiny Republican Party (with 3 percent of the vote), to join Christian Democrats (38 percent), Socialists (9.8 percent), Liberals (1.9 percent) and Social Democrats (3.8 percent) in the new government.

Emerging from a five-hour meeting with political leaders Saturday night, Fanfani hinted he was ready to present his list of cabinet ministers to Pertini on Monday. "Once the Republicans' decision to join the government is known, I hope we can steam into port Monday," Fanfani said.

Even if the answer is negative, Fanfani will go ahead with a four-party coalition that will give him a 53.5 percent majority, political analysts predicted.

Leaders of the four other parties have agreed in principle to support Fanfani's proposals to cope with Italy's ailing economy, severely hit by 17.2 percent inflation, 9.2 percent unemployment and a budget deficit projected at 70 trillion lire (\$50 billion).

If Fanfani succeeds, he would become prime minister for the fifth time since 1954, returning the powerful post to Christian Democrat hands after 17 months under Republican Premier Giovanni Spadolini.

funeral in Moscow earlier this month, diplomats said.

The diplomats said the United States would urge the West Europeans to stand firm on NATO's decision of 1979 to deploy the new weapons if the Soviet Union does not dismantle its existing missiles. Washington feels that NATO's firmness and cohesion are the only incentive for Moscow to negotiate seriously.

U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has to dispel apprehensions among U.S. allies who have interpreted remarks by American officials about limited and protracted nuclear wars as implying plans to wage such wars.

Although nuclear issues are expected to dominate the four-day series of meetings, the strengthening of NATO's conventional forces is also high on the agenda, diplomats said. NATO's top commander in Europe, Gen. Bernard Rogers, is proposing to make more use of new technology in conventional weapons to redress the East-West imbalance in non-nuclear forces.

Gen. Rogers says such weapons could allow the alliance to reduce the number of its short-range nuclear arms. He has been supported by Manfred Woerner, the new West German defense minister, who said in a report last June that 50 or 60 missiles armed with conventional warheads could achieve the same result as 20 to 25 nuclear weapons each carrying a 10-kiloton warhead.

The ministers are also expected to discuss greater burden-sharing within the alliance, requested by the United States.

American plans envisage the need for West Europeans to replace up to 80,000 U.S. servicemen involved in logistics work in Western Europe in such an emergency, diplomats said. NATO's military committee will report to the ministers on the implications for the alliance of U.S. strategic plans in southwest Asia, they said.

NATO European defense ministers, meeting Monday ahead of the full nuclear planning group, are expected to stress the important contribution Western Europe makes to the alliance's global defense effort.

Dream marriage

MOULINS, France, 28 (AFP) — The dream of half a lifetime came true for Yu Chae-Sung, a 32-year-old South Korean, when he married Brigitte Choquet, 26, Miss France of 1975, the woman he says he saw as his future bride in a dream when he was 16 years old.

The ceremony took place in the tiny central France village of Treteau before the bride and groom's family members and dozens of French and South Korean journalists.

Miss Choquet wore a dress specially prepared by dressmakers in Seoul while Yu, who said his vows in French while his wife spoke both French and English, was outfitted in the traditional garb of a Korean knight with embroidered tunic, boots and sword.

'Solar hospital' opens in Zimbabwe

MARYMOUNT, Zimbabwe, Nov. 28 (AFP) — The first hospital in southern Africa to use solar energy has opened here in the scrubland of northeastern Zimbabwe.

The French-financed solar installations of the 60-bed hospital, the second "solar hospital" in the world after a 1979 prototype in San Mali, cost a total of \$128,000. At the recent hospital opening Zimbabwean Energy Minister Simba Rmakoni noted: "With solar energy we no longer need to transport electricity to remote areas over many costly kilometers."

Guy Olivier, the engineer responsible for the project after being involved in the Mali hospital design, noted that solar energy is initially expensive but has no running costs, unlike diesel generators.

Olivier also noted that very little maintenance is required. "A quick wipe with a cloth over the panels, and some water in the batteries after a few years, and that's all," he said. All the equipment,

including the solar panels, a converter, 24 batteries, and a cooler, was installed by the solar force company within one month.

The hospital's energy needs are assured, as the batteries can run on their own for three days, and three days without sun in Zimbabwe is unheard of. But Erwin van den Enden, a Belgian doctor in charge of the hospital serving some 100,000 people in northeastern Zimbabwe, has mixed views about the project.

He expressed delight that in future his medical team "will be able to see at night when there are babies being delivered or during emergencies. It's better than the candle we used to have..." But on the other hand, along with colleagues from the humanitarian organization Medecins Sans Frontieres, Dr. Van den Enden felt that the money could have been spent on improving hygiene.

France, which has subsidized solar projects in order to reduce costs to eventually conquer the private market, has already sent two major pumps to Zimbabwe.

MX plan faces tough fight

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (R) — President Ronald Reagan's plan for deploying America's new MX nuclear missile faces a tough fight in a special session of Congress starting Monday. But a bill he supports that would provide funds for repairing the country's aging roads and bridges will almost certainly be approved.

Reagan may also ask Congress to advance the starting date of his controversial 10 percent tax cut from July 1 to Jan. 1 to stimulate the economy, although leaders of his own Republican Party have warned him he would be rebuffed. These issues will dominate a three-week session that must also pass legislation to finance most federal government operations for the 1983 financial year which began on Oct. 1.

It will be the last meeting of the present Congress. A new Congress reflecting the results of the Nov. 2 U.S. elections will take office in January. Republicans retained control of the Senate but the Democrats increased their majority in the 435-member House of Representatives by 26 seats, making it more difficult for Reagan to get his conservative programs approved.

Efforts to kill the president's "dense pack" plan for basing the MX missile are to begin Tuesday when the House Appropriations Committee considers a \$230 billion measure to provide funds for defense operations. The "dense pack" scheme would involve placing the missiles close together in specially hardened concrete silos in the Western state of Wyoming.

The theory is that the first attacking Soviet missile's explosion would destroy the other incoming Soviet missiles, allowing some of the MXs to survive and strike back. The chief House opponent, New York Democrat Joseph Addabbo, says he will try first to cut \$1 billion of MX production money out of the bill and, if that succeeds, the remaining \$1.8 billion for MX system development.

Addabbo, chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, says any new MX system would be a waste of money because land-based missiles are vulnerable to attack. When the defense appropriations bill reaches the Senate, MX foes led by Ernest Hollings, a South Carolina Democrat, say they will try to vote down the funds for production of the MX.

Reagan and congressional leaders agree that a bill providing for repairs to crumbling U.S. highways, bridges and mass transit systems should be passed. It would create 320,000 jobs at a time when the U.S. unemployment rate is a postwar record of 10.4 percent.

As proposed by the president, the program would put a five-cent-a-gallon tax on petrol to raise \$27.5 billion for the repair work over the next five years. Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis, who drafted the plan, says the 320,000 jobs it would create include 175,000 in the construction industry, which has an unemployment rate of nearly 23 percent.

The petrol tax proposal may be accompanied by one to make Reagan's 10 percent income tax cut effective on Jan. 1 to stimulate the economy by spurring consumer spending. But Democratic leaders blame the high federal deficit on the tax cut and Republican leaders say they have told the president that his proposal will be defeated.



MX MISSILE: A cutaway view of the MX missile showing the four stages of the missile, plus the re-entry vehicles in the nose.

S. Africa plans attack, Castro says

HAVANA, Nov. 28 (AFP) — South Africa is about to attack neighboring Mozambique, Cuban President Fidel Castro charged. He appealed to the world's nonaligned bloc of countries, of which he is chairman, to act urgently to prevent it.

He said here Saturday there was a buildup of South African troops on the border, only 120 kilometers from the Mozambican capital, Maputo. They had assembled, he said, in response to an alleged attack by Mozambican forces on the nearby South African border town of Komati Ploort.

Ulster man shot dead in front of son

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Nov. 28 (AFP) — A former police auxiliary was shot dead Saturday night in front of his 10-year-old son in Armagh in the south of Ulster, police said. They said the unidentified man and his son were in the office of his filling station when the killer came in and pumped his body full of bullets. It was the 18th murder in the violence-torn province in less than a month.

In Dublin, Garret Fitzgerald, who is likely to take over from Charles Haughey as prime minister of the Republic of Ireland next month, said Saturday that the Ulster question would be one of his new government's priorities.

Fitzgerald, whose Fine Gael Party seems set to form a governing coalition with the

Castro called on the nonaligned movement to unite against South Africa's "cowardly intentions" and to demand that the United Nations take steps to defend the Mozambican people and defeat the "evil plans of the (South African) racism."

South African troops must pull back from the border, he said. The Cuban leader denounced the United States as a "strategic ally" of South Africa's white rulers which had made "great efforts" to ensure that the International Monetary Fund made a recent \$1.100 million loan to South Africa.

S. African action flayed

MOSCOW, Nov. 28 (AFP) — The early release from a Johannesburg prison of 34 mercenaries sentenced for their part in an abortive coup in the Seychelles was a sign of South Africa's utter disdain for international law, the Soviet news agency Tass said.

The 34 were released Friday after spending four months in prison. They had been sentenced to five years in prison with all but six months suspended, for hijacking an Air India airplane to escape from the Seychelles.

Belize destroys marijuana fields

BELIZE CITY, Nov. 28 (R) — Marijuana fields in Belize are being sprayed with the weed-killer paraquat in an attempt to eradicate the country's drug trade, police said. They said that during the past week helicopters on loan from the Mexican government had been spraying fields in the northern districts of Corozal and Orange Walk.

The police, assisted by the Belizean defense force, have reported the destruction of numerous growing operations and the confiscation of thousands of pounds of processed marijuana. Farmers in areas which have been sprayed have complained that the paraquat, which can cause sickness and lung damage in humans, has damaged food crops, cattle and beehives.

Belize's illicit marijuana trade, centered largely in the northern part of the small central American nation, is estimated at \$50 million annually, police said. Sugar, mainstay of the Belizean economy, earns the country some \$31 million a year.

Poll disapproves Mitterrand rule

PARIS, Nov. 28 (AFP) — A majority of the French disapprove of the 18-month-old Socialist government of President Francois Mitterrand and Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy, according to a poll published Sunday by the weekly magazine, *Le Point*.

Of 1,045 voting age French questioned between Nov. 15 and 19, 49 percent thought the government's performance was "rather bad" or "very bad," while 38 percent expressed more favorable views. Fifty-two percent had a negative opinion of Mauroy's performance while 33 percent had a positive opinion.

Forty-nine percent thought France's economic situation would worsen, while 24 percent were optimistic about an improvement. Fifty percent thought purchasing power would drop, against eight percent to the contrary.

Forty-two percent agreed with the statement, "the leftist government does not have the capacity to take command of the problems currently facing France." Forty percent disagreed with the statement.

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Evren plans role on the world stage

By Ken Mackenzie

ANKARA, (LOS) — Parked on the edge of Istanbul's international airport is a Boeing 707 which is now being refitted as the presidential jet, replete with sleeping quarters and a miniature conference room, for Gen Kenan Evren. The Boeing may be no more than a piece of conventional status symbolism, but it suggests that Evren, in addition to being Turkey's strong man throughout the 1980s, plans to play an important role on the world stage. His first trip as president will be to Peking.

In the referendum on Nov. 7 to approve the new constitution and to elect Evren as president for a seven-year term, the 64-year-old military chief gained over 91 percent of the votes cast in a very high poll. The fact that there was no separate electoral contest for the presidency provoked widespread criticism, both here and abroad: a vote for the constitution meant a vote for Evren, and vice-versa. In the event, the millions of Turks who voted "yes" were registering their personal approval of Evren, rather than endorsing the constitution, which many of them had never read.

A tall, ramrod-stiff military man with silver hair and a genial smile, Evren is widely seen as a father figure who restored law and order after years of near anarchy under the mismanagement of corrupt politicians. Although Turkey will have an essentially democratic framework, with a 400-member parliament elected by universal suffrage, the president will enjoy a degree of authority never accorded his predecessors; he can select a wide range of state officials, choose the prime minister, dissolve parliament in times of political deadlock and call a general election.

After securing the approval of the prime minister and the cabinet he may also declare martial law or a state of emergency in times of national crisis, such as a return of the terrorism which brought Turkey to the brink of civil war in 1980. The hope is that a stable civilian government may be formed after the general elections scheduled for the autumn of 1983 (or early 1984 at the latest), and that thereafter Evren will be content to sit back, and superintend the nation's affairs from his palace overlooking Ankara while the civilians govern. But after the 91 percent "yes" vote, his prestige is so immense that the civilian ministers are bound to operate under his shadow.

Until the military take-over of Sept. 12, 1980, Evren never revealed any detectable political proclivities. Born the son of a village clergyman in western Turkey, he rose to eminence purely through his skill as a professional soldier. After serving in the Korean War, he moved up the military ladder to become a general at the relatively early age of 46. His promotion to chief of the Turkish general staff in 1978 was partly due to the influence of Bulent Ecevit, then prime minister. Ecevit reckoned that Evren was slightly more sympathetic to his left-of-center views than to the conservative philosophy of Ecevit's arch-rival, Suleyman Demirel.

In the event, Evren became equally exasperated with both Ecevit and Demirel, both of whom have now been banned from politics for 10 years. Early this year, Evren's wife, to whom he was devoted, died after a long and painful illness. Since this bereavement, he has immersed himself totally in the affairs of state. He has three children.

In the early days following the military coup, Evren was seen as *primus inter pares* among the ruling generals; now he is unchallenged. At the same time his relations with the service chiefs, who make up the present ruling military council, will continue to be important. Under the new constitution, the commanders-in-chief of the army, the navy, the air force, and the gendarmerie will form a special presidential council with loosely defined powers to advise the president.

Until the establishment of a civilian government, Evren and the other four will continue to run the country as they have been doing for the past 26 months. The quasi-parliament known as the Consultative Assembly will legislate on scores of subjects, but under the guidance of the ruling Military Council laws on forming new political parties, on the future electoral system, and on the press will thus, in the last resort, be determined by the generals. But after the creation of a parliament and civilian government, Evren will only be able to delay legislation for 15 days.

The lore and lure of Oriental carpets

By Jean Grant
Al-Khobar Bureau

AL-KHOBAR — Step into the home of carpet dealer Fayyaz Gul Aga and you'll find Oriental carpets here, there, and everywhere: carpets on the floors of course, but also on walls and tables; carpets in the kitchen to cushion the homemaker's step and carpets in the bathroom to catch the bathwater's drips. On the way out of the house, you'll step on a Pakistani hunting scene carpet in the garage.

Isn't this to carry the business of carpets a bit too far? Don't these valuable rugs of craftsmen deserve more careful handling?

"No, not at all," chuckles Aga. "This wear and tear softens the wool. These carpets are just off the loom. They haven't yet been trimmed or washed. You sandpaper a surface before painting it to make it smoother, don't you? In the same way, the more you walk on these carpets, the better they become."

"Carpets are like a disease," claims Aga. "Once you are infected, wherever you go, you look for carpets; you read about them and search them out in the shops."

Aga's family, whose roots are Afghan, has been in the trade for three generations. His grandfather settled in Kabul, and carried carpets from Kabul to India in exchange for the famous teas of the subcontinent.

Every year Aga, who grew up in London, addresses audiences in the expatriate compounds in the Al-Khobar area like Aramco, Bechtel, UPM, and Northrop. "Expatriates usually stay here only for a couple of years, and during this time I try to introduce them to the world of carpets."

"Buying a carpet is a tricky business. Two carpets can look and cost the same but one may have 200 knots to the square inch while the other has only 150 knots." Because it takes time to learn about carpets, Aga advises starting with a relatively inexpensive purchase and shopping around. He claims that Iranian carpets have reached their peak in price, and recommends recent carpets from Pakistan as the best value for money for the first-time buyer. These take two to three months to make, but they will last three generations, in Aga's opinion. Lower labor costs in Pakistan and government subsidies promote this cottage industry. Pakistan is stepping into the vacuum created by the events in Iran, according to Aga.

Aga fears that in the long run carpet weaving is a dying art. Children under 14 now go to school instead of knotting carpets and the trade unions have made weaving a business rather than an art.

Although the manufacture of carpets is now highly commercial, the grand old tradition of the master craftsman still continues. To show what he means by this, Aga unrolls a magnificent Qum. It lands with a thud on the ground. Dated 1292 in the Hejira calendar

Manufacture highly commercial



STYLIZED FIGURES: The stylized starlike figures make this carpet in the Fayyaz Gul Aga Exhibit attractive.

which makes it over 100 years old, it has mellow colors, an intricate design and over 600 knots to the square inch. Most of the master craftsmen are now in Iran, some of them members of "carpet families" such as the Sarafian family in Tehran which makes Isfahan-pattern carpets.

Collectors of old carpets should not be scared off by their need for repair. "If you lose a few knots, don't worry. You can replace these knot by knot. It is a different matter altogether when the pile is gone. You can't do anything about that."

"It is like a man going bald. What can you

do?" says Aga as he throws up his hands in the hopelessness of answering his own question. "Once the pile is gone, the carpet has depreciated."

In assessing his clientele, Aga claimed the people of Saudi Arabia were the most astute buyers. "It is in their tradition after all. A handmade carpet was always included in a bride's dowry, and Persian carpets have been in Arabia for many years." Unfortunately the famous Bass Arablan kilim, made here long ago, has virtually disappeared, so eagerly have interior designers sought it. Now the people prefer floral designs and are especially

fond of Tabriz, Isfahan, Nain and Qum carpets.

The Saudi Arabs may be connoisseurs, but the growth area in the market belongs to the Americans. "People in America are becoming carpet-minded. In department stores, just the commercial quality is available. In San Francisco, New York and Houston, however, a few stores now specialize in the sale of fine Oriental carpets."

There are many stories associated with carpets. Aga tells this one of how the Bokhara carpet got its name:

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One of Aga's customers now refers to the Bokhara carpet as "the rabbit foot carpet" since it brought its creator luck instead of death by elephant foot.

Carpet care guidelines

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AL-KHOBAR — Just like a human being, a carpet needs sun and fresh air. "Do not keep your carpet locked up in a closet," warns carpet dealer Fayyaz Gul Aga. "Give them sun. If you don't, damp, moths and humidity will hurt them."

Carpets don't need cleaning very often. "After 10 or 15 years, give your carpet to a professional for a good cleaning," advises Aga.

"Don't try to be too clever," said the pro who discourages the use of chemical rug cleaners. "Don't play with chemicals. These might affect the carpet's color."

For regular cleaning, Aga shuns the contemporary vacuum cleaner in favor of the time-honored technique of shaking the carpet, and beating it to get out the dust. "If you feel it's quite dirty, just get down on your hands and knees and scrub it with warm water and Fairy liquid from the supermarket to give it a sheen. Put it out on the line or lay it flat on the roof to let it dry."

A final tip from Aga: Change the direction of the carpet every three months so that the pile will wear evenly.

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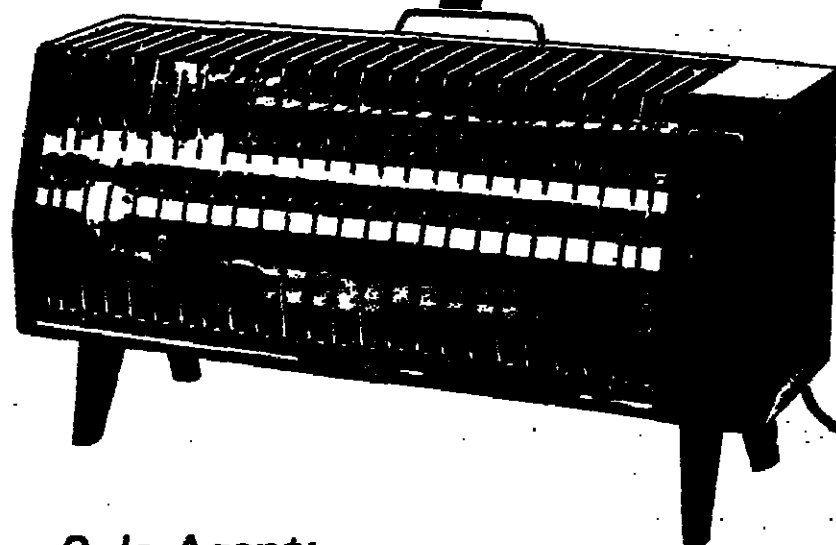
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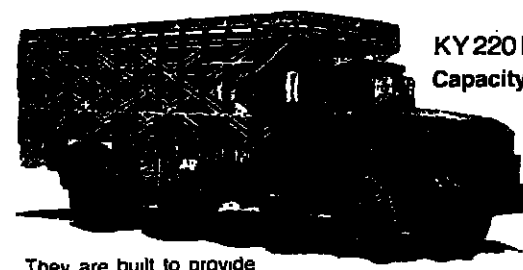
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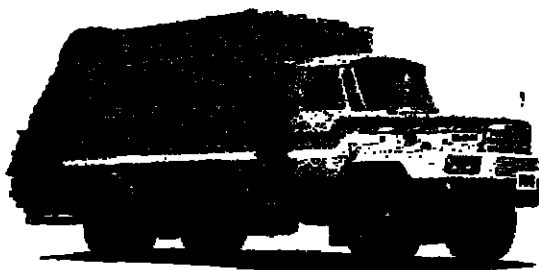
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Some basic facts about the sudden infant death syndrome

By Cynthia Shanley
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — More than 8,000 apparently healthy American infants, as well as infants worldwide, are dying annually from a disease no one knows much about. No one knows exactly what causes it and no one knows how to cure it.

Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) is the term used to describe an unexplained phenomenon in which an apparently healthy infant, usually between the ages of one and 12 months, is found lifeless.

A typical SIDS occurrence, according to Valerie Edge of the South Texas Center for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, is as follows: A young mother puts her infant down for his afternoon nap, or for the night. She goes into the room a few hours later and finds what looks like a monster has replaced her baby.

The baby is blue and stiff, and because there has been quite a bit of edema (swelling), the infant's face is distorted. There may be foamy, frothy mucus coming from its nose and mouth. Its diaper is wet and full of stool. The baby shows what looks like bruises all over its body. Its face appears almost like its being forced into the mattress. The baby may be in an awkward position or be wrapped tightly in the bed clothes or bed linen.

"This syndrome," said Valerie, who is a registered nurse and holds a Bachelor of Science degree, "is just almost like the infant forgot to breathe. As far as we know, it's painless and it's noiseless."

"Parents have looked down to find the baby dead on their laps. They have had the baby in the room with them right by their bedside. Some have reported that the baby was lying right on their arm in the same bed, or at the foot of the bed. They all heard nothing, absolutely nothing, that could have caused that baby to die."

Through research and observation, several explanations as to what probably happens in these unexpected deaths have been determined. First, the infant stops breathing. Then there is brain death and then the heart stops beating.

As for the baby's appearance, this is caused by a number of factors. Lividity, for example, which is a post-mortem occurrence, is the pooling of blood by gravity following death. This causes what appears to be bruises to appear on parts of the infant's body.

Doctors and researchers believe that a spasm at the time of death is the explanation behind finding the baby lying in a strange position or wrapped in the bed linen. It also is an explanation for finding the baby's face buried into the mattress.

One can imagine the horror, the devastation the parents feel when their infant has died of SIDS. One minute they had a perfectly healthy, happy, warm, cuddly baby. The next minute their baby is dead and no one can tell them why. It's the unexpected-

ness and the mysteriousness that make it even harder for parents, and other relatives and friends, to cope.

Without any concrete facts to explain why these babies are dying, many misconceptions have been formed.

One of the most serious involves the parents. The parents initially feels responsible for the death of their child, a feeling of guilt which is often compounded by the reactions of first responders — emergency medical technicians (EMT) and others who are the first to arrive on the scene upon the infant's death — who see the baby and immediately jump to the conclusion that it has been abused by the parents.

Something that all parents whose babies are victims of SIDS should know is that they are not to blame. SIDS cannot be predicted, even by a physician, and in light of present knowledge it cannot be prevented.

The disease has no specific symptoms and occurs in all families, including the most competent, careful and loving parents. Sudden infant death syndrome strikes in every level of society and has no regard for race or life-style. However, babies who are black, Indian, Mexican or disadvantaged white Americans and whose families live in urban ghettos will more frequently be SIDS victims than babies of families living in more advanced circumstances. It also has a higher rate of occurrence in infants born prematurely and/or having a low birth weight. It happens in the home and even in hospitals to babies under the watchful eyes of trained hospital staff.

Another misconception associated with SIDS is that the baby's death was perhaps caused by external suffocation. This idea comes from the fact that the infant is often found wedged into the corner of the crib or with the head covered by blankets or turned down into the pillow or mattress. Thus, it is only natural to assume the baby smothered.

But SIDS also occurs under circumstances where there is no possibility of smothering. The baby is found without anything near its face.

Besides that, "we know that even young babies, if you put something over their head they'll move their head. If you put something in front of their face, they'll move their face," Valerie explained. "They get control of the neck muscles very shortly after birth and so they get out of the way. And if their face is in the mattress, they turn it. We know those babies can move their heads."

Still other misconceptions are that SIDS is caused by an allergy to cow's-milk, breast milk allergy, bacterial infections, radiation fallout, modern medicines and drugs, smok-

ing, use of bleach in washing diapers, "whiplash" injury to the spinal chord, air pollution, fluoridation and vomiting and choking. None of these things causes SIDS.

Sudden infant death syndrome is the leading cause of death in infants up to a year old and sometimes older. We know what does not cause SIDS, but parents want to know what does cause it and that is a major problem for doctors, researchers and others in the health profession.

Is this a new disease sweeping the world, caused perhaps by a killer virus? If not, why hasn't it been more widely recognized and fought long before this? Is anything being done to protect children from it? These are typical of the perplexing questions that echo from the thousands of parents and others when first confronted with this disease.

To begin with, the medical world knows this is not a new disease, through the centuries, SIDS, or "crib death" as it is sometimes referred to, has taken a back seat to other diseases that ravaged the world, such as diphtheria, pneumonia, smallpox, typhoid fever, polio and the plague, to name a few. But as vaccines, antibiotics and other medical advances have almost eliminated many of the past's more devastating diseases, SIDS is beginning to interest a few medical scientists. Only in the past decade has it emerged as a

distinct cause of death.

"In the late 50s and early 60s some doctors started pulling together information about the numbers of babies who were dying," said Valerie, "but not until 1974 was it a legal diagnosis for death as a cause of death. And even up to that time it was a diagnosis of elimination. They looked for everything that could possibly kill a child and if they couldn't find anything they called it SIDS."

Although there is no cure for SIDS to date and no way to prevent it, researchers have been able to determine some basic facts about it:

The cause is not suffocation, aspiration or regurgitation.

Victims appear healthy prior to death. There appears to be no suffering; death occurs very rapidly usually during sleep.

SIDS is not contagious. Although a viral infection may be involved, it is not a "killer disease" that threatens other family members or neighbors. SIDS rarely occurs after one year of age.

SIDS is not hereditary: there is no greater chance for it to occur in one family than in another.

This is not a "freakish disease" and it seems to be as frequent now as it was in the 18th and 19th centuries.

One of the reasons why so little is known about SIDS is that researchers cannot study the SIDS baby until after it is dead, through an autopsy.

"Autopsies are very, very controversial, sensitive, personal things," says Valerie. And unfortunately, they have a very bad reputation in the United States, largely due to television shows which project an image of horror and show observers fainting around the table as one is being performed. What television does not show, says Valerie, is the parents' relief after an autopsy is done and they know they did not kill their child. "They don't show the parents' relief that they don't have a genetic disorder. They don't know the parents' relief that they did not kill that baby through neglect."

"I have seen the reaction of these parents. The relief, it's almost like a physical thing. You can almost see a physical relief from knowing they did not harm this child and that there was nothing they could have done."

The importance of autopsies is that they reveal other things that can help other babies. This is the only way for sure that a SIDS victim can be identified.

Researchers are also keeping a close eye on babies who have what is known as a "near miss" SIDS episode. These are babies who have a spell of prolonged apnea, which has been defined as cessation of breathing for 20 seconds or longer, or as a briefer episode associated with bradycardia (bluish discoloration of the skin) or pallor (extreme or unnatural paleness).

These babies are at risk, says Valerie, because 40-60 percent of them will have another episode. "If they are not found, if

they do not automatically reverse what is are doing, which is not breathing, they'll die. And more than likely they'll be diagnosed sudden infant death because we will find the same type of findings in the baby internally — namely that they stopped breathing before the heart stopped."

According to Valerie, what we have is a continuum, where on the one end there is the SIDS baby who dies suddenly and cannot be saved even if he is reached in time. On the other end, there is the near miss SIDS infant who has episodes which have been recognized in the SIDS victim, but if closely watched and sometimes monitored, can be revived and saved from death.

There is one catch to studying these near miss babies, warns Valerie, and that is that babies have periods where they do not breathe. It's normal. "This baby for nine months has incubated inside the mother. Upon the timely delivery of this infant it is supposed to start breathing and the pattern may be off. This pattern may be irregular as it can go from periods of ten to 16 seconds up to 20 seconds without breathing. Prolonged apnea is when they go for more than 20 seconds without breathing. We are concerned with that period because there is no oxygen. The heart slows down."

Researchers are doing sleep studies to see if these periods of apnea occur more often during sleep. Valerie explained, since SIDS most often occurs while the baby is sleeping.

The setting for SIDS surveillance

By Cynthia Shanley
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — Infants who have had life-threatening apnea (cessation of breathing for longer than 20 seconds) and are successfully resuscitated have been defined as near-miss sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). Between 20 and 100 percent of these babies subsequently die and, consequently, are at risk.

Prolonged apnea is one of the signs researchers are looking at as a cause of sudden infant death syndrome. "It seems likely that some victims of the sudden infant death syndrome have succumbed to unrelieved prolonged apnea," says an article printed by the American Academy of Pediatrics on "Prolonged Apnea." By keeping a close watch and making observations on these infants who are termed near-miss SIDS babies, researchers are hoping they can shed some light on the puzzling disease and at the same time prevent these near-miss babies from dying.

Twenty-four hour surveillance is critical to the management of prolonged apnea. Settings for intensive observation and care may include the appropriately staffed and equipped hospital and the infant's home. One method of surveillance that has been recently introduced involves the use of electronic monitors which can be used in either the hospital or home setting. The infants are

hooked up to the monitor, by a belt, and an alarm is triggered after 20 seconds of apnea. Once triggered, the monitor sounds at a one-second interval until the baby resumes breathing.

Parents are instructed to answer the alarm by observing the infant for apnea and color change. If the infant is cyanotic (blue in color), or pale, they are instructed to stimulate the infant immediately, if there is no color change, they are instructed to wait for 30 seconds after the episode started (ten seconds after the alarm) and then resuscitate the infant. Stimulation can be anything from a gentle shaking to a vigorous shaking.

Reactions to these monitors have been mixed and a lot of controversy has followed. For one thing, they put an incredible amount of stress on the family. There must be someone within 10 seconds running distance of the baby 24-hours a day. That means many family activities are sharply curtailed. If the mother is alone in the home, she cannot do any vacuuming, cannot take a shower, cannot do anything that might prevent her from hearing the monitor go off or that might take her further than 10 seconds away from the baby.

Another controversy stems from the monitors themselves. Different monitors record different things. For instance, one monitor will monitor the heartbeat while another would monitor the baby's respiration. Some will argue that a monitor that

records the baby's heartbeat is useless because once the baby's heart stops, it is too late.

These monitors are not infallible. Instances have occurred where the alarm had gone off for no apparent reason. If this can happen, many parents carry the additional worry that it will not go off when it should. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that even if the monitor does function properly, and an attempt is made to revive the child, that the child will live. Babies have died while being monitored.

The monitors are expensive and can cost as much as \$1,776. Some can be rented for \$200 a month, which adds up quickly when the child is monitored for up to three months and sometimes even longer. Some insurance companies will reimburse the family for the monitors, but most do not. The babies outgrow them and can easily destroy them by pulling off the belts and other accessories they are attached to.

Another problem is that many of the parents are not properly instructed in the operation of the monitor and do not know what to do if the monitor malfunctions or what to do with the baby. In spite of all these there is one thing that parents will tell you. Losing a baby to SIDS is the most devastating experience. For all the inconvenience caused by the monitors, and all other problems, it's worth it if it will prevent them from losing another baby.

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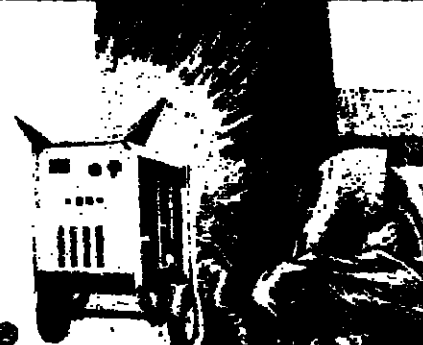
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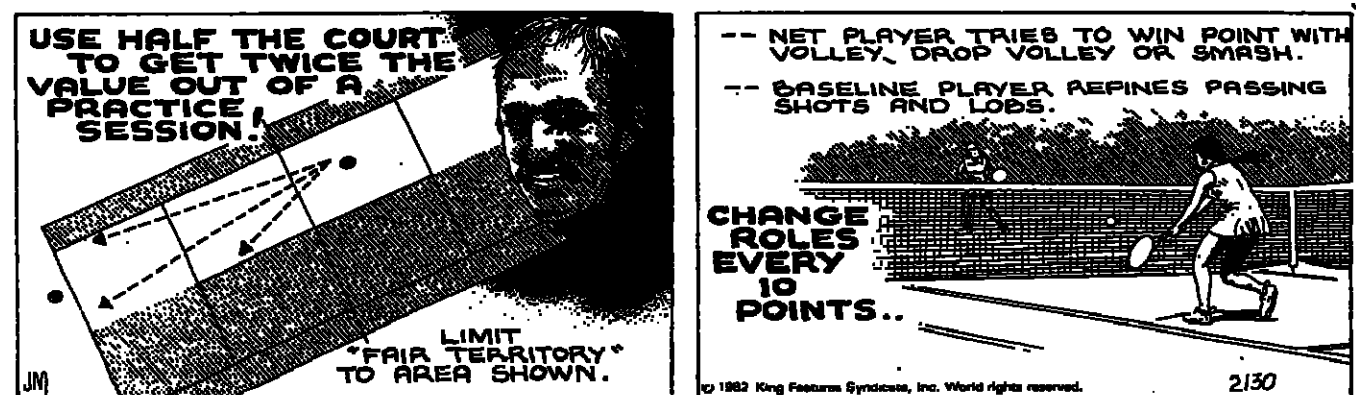
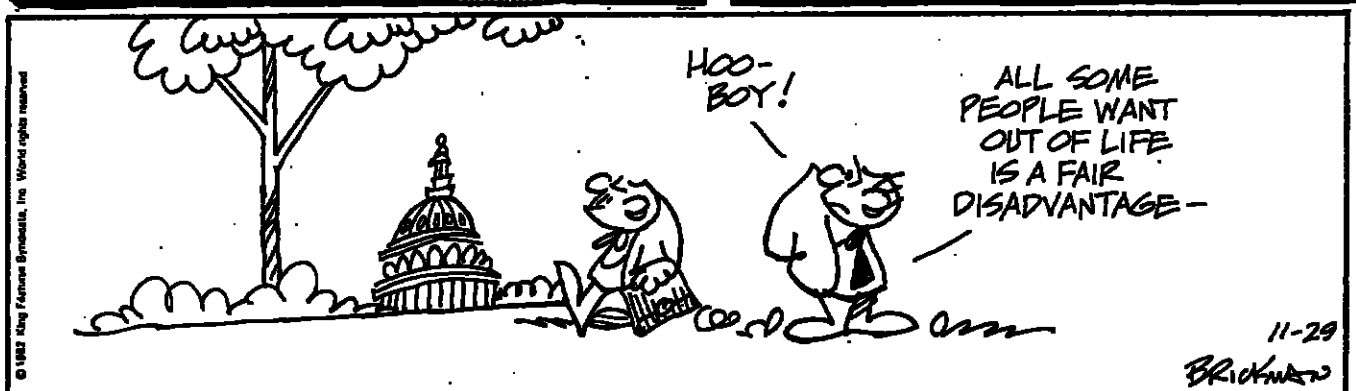
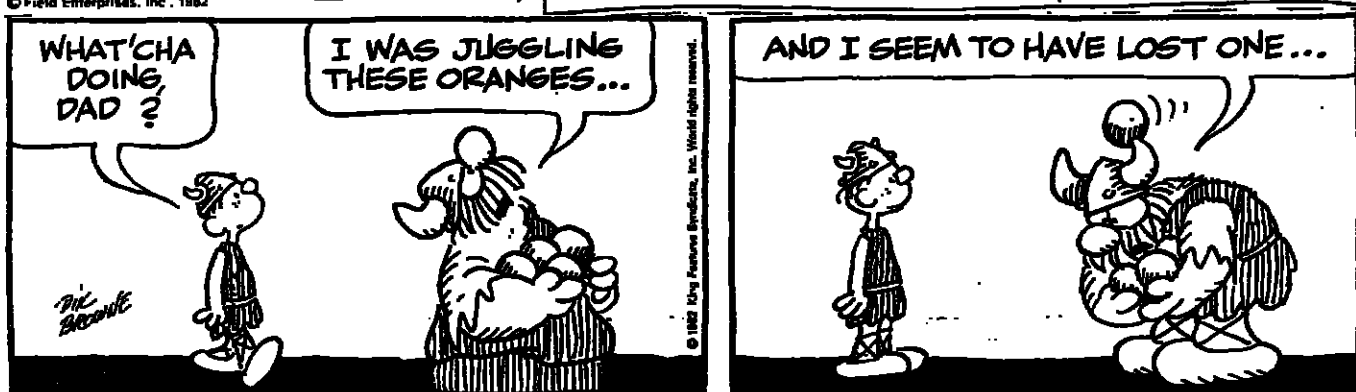
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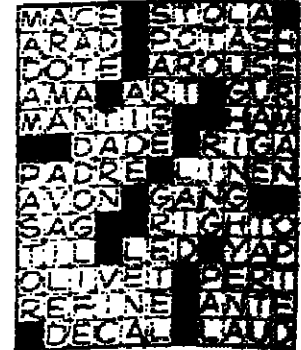
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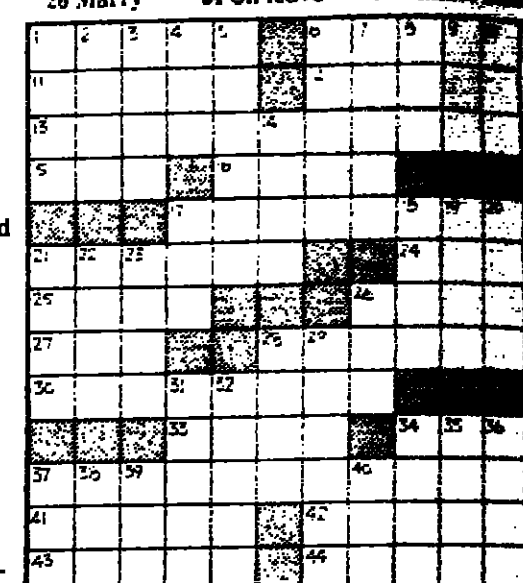
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11 Expiate
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13 Went on a spree
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24 English river
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26 Homeless child
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Saturday's Answer

35 Florida
36 Colored
37 — arabic
38 United
39 Sesame
40 — Mark Twain



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the letter L. X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

EONCEZR MXXQ AYXCRXZIXR:
CXO XEA; WKA TOZL GNRX CXO
FOTG AYX EJA TM XEANOP

— W J N Z Z E A - R E I E J N O
Saturday's Cryptquote: WHAT THE HEART KNOWS TODAY THE HEAD WILL UNDERSTAND TOMORROW.—JAMES STEPHENS

Contract Bridge B. Jay and Steve Becker

Famous Hand

♠ 72
♥ 9
♦ K8
♣ 10

This is a story about a two-card ending. The full hand — each player having started with his normal complement of 13 cards — was played in Miami during the 1972 World Bridge Olympiad in the match between New Zealand and Italy.

Avarelli, playing with Belladonna, was in four spades and had already lost two tricks in the side suits when he found himself confronted with the situation shown in the diagram and the lead in his hand.

Obviously, if either opponent's last two cards were the K-J of trumps, the contract could not be made. So Avarelli devoted all his thoughts to trying to guess whether he should lead the ten — in case the king was singleton — or whether to lead the queen — in case the jack was singleton.

Mathematically, one play was as good as the other, and Avarelli, searching the ceiling and his soul for inspiration, found nothing in either of those regions to guide him to the right decision. Finally, in desperation, he asked to see the previous trick and the New Zealand West player, misunderstanding Avarelli's poor English, inadvertently showed him his last two cards, including the singleton jack of spades.

Avarelli now became greatly embarrassed; he felt he should not take advantage of this accidental accretion of knowledge. He therefore shuffled his Q-10 of spades, face down, and came up with a solution to the problem when he asked West to choose one of them and play it for him.

West, a superstitious soul, politely declined this offer, and East, a member of the same church, likewise refused to draw a card. Belladonna, in mock horror, also would not assume the responsibility, and it finally fell to the American official recording the proceedings to draw the crucial card.

He duly selected a card — the queen of spades — and as Avarelli made four spades as a result of guessing the right trump play to make in the two-card position shown.

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THE SOVIETS DID NOT WAIT FOR WOMEN'S LIB

THE 588TH FIGHTER AIR REGIMENT of the Soviet Air Force's 122nd Air Group in World War II, which flew 4419 sorties, took part in 125 combats and destroyed 38 enemy aircraft — WAS AN ALL FEMALE UNIT.

A PEAR TREE

In Danvers, Mass., survived a fire in 1641, a great one in 1815, hurricanes in 1837 and 1938, and near destruction by vandals in 1964 — yet it stands 10' 6" tall, has a girth of 30" — and still bears a better tree.

AFTER 352 YEARS.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1982

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Career initiative will pay off financially, but you're inclined to overspend or partners may tend to be extravagant.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Make plans for a trip or visit to an old friend. It's hard to reach agreement with close ties about joint expenditures.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Do further research about a financial investment. You

may be keeping too much to yourself and this causes problems with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
A close tie seems unsympathetic. The party life may well lead to romantic opportunity, but also to the temptation to overdo.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
A career opportunity comes your way, but exercise initiative. You'll have to make

an immediate decision. Romance is iffy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Though there is some luck with travel, you'll have a tendency to exaggerate. It's a poor time for shopping for luxury items.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
You'll want to spend for the home now, but are inclined to be extravagant. Some misunderstandings are possible this evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
You'll have mixed results in dealing with close ties. You should express your opinions, but some disagreements are likely.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
You're inclined to overdo healthwise now. Exercise initiative to take advantage of a career money-making opportunity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
A direct approach is best in romantic dealings. Beat around the bush and you'll find yourself faltering for the right words.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Spending time alone enables you to complete domestic tasks, but expect some interruptions. Relations with friends are problematic.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Your thinking may be off regarding a career matter, but the time is ripe for good times in the social sphere. Accept invitations.